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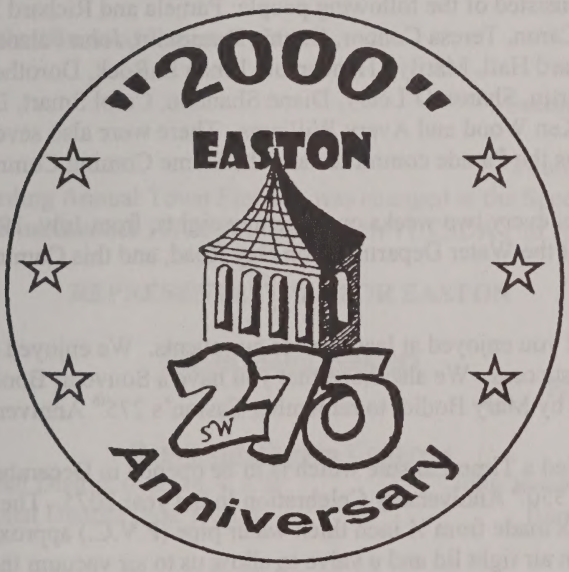

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2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectmen and the citizens of Easton:

We wish to thank each of you who helped us in any way to complete the many events we held in the year 2000. A special thanks to Kevin Paicos for his support and the support of his staff. And also to the office of Town Treasurer and the office of the Board of Health.

Thanks also to Wayne Southworth who gave us a GREAT meeting place and helped in many other ways. And to Tom Stone of the Fire Department, who put up all of the banners all over Town on his days off!!!

And we must also say a big thank you to our local banks and businesses who contributed generously to our Celebration.

Our Committee consisted of the following people: Pamela and Richard Berglund, Ernest Camara, Thomas Caron, Teresa Connor, Connie Dumoulin, John Falzone, John Foye, Marie Graca, Richard Hall, Marilyn Henderson, Linda LaRock, Dorothea Lewis, Marie Madden, Anne Martin, Sharon O'Leary, Diane Shannon, Carol Smart, Louis Silva, Elizabeth Verity, Ken Wood and Avery Williams. There were also several sub-committees, such as the Parade committee and the Home Coming Committee.

Our Committee met every two weeks on Thursday nights, from July, 1999 through December, 2000, at the Water Department on Bay Road, and this Committee really worked hard.

We hope that all of you enjoyed at least one of our events. We enjoyed all of them, and all of them were a success. We also hope that you have a Souvenir Book, a trivet, note paper or a painting by Mary Bodio, to remember Easton's 275th Anniversary.

We closed and sealed a Time Capsule which is to be opened in December, 2073, in preparation for the 350th Anniversary Celebration in the year 2075. The Capsule stands four feet high and is made from ½ inch thick water pipe (P.V.C.) approximately one foot in diameter, with an air tight lid and a valve to allow us to air vacuum the Capsule. This Capsule was made and contributed by our Water Department. We would like to thank the many Town Departments, Schools, Clubs, Organizations and Citizens who contributed to its contents. The Capsule will be buried at the Rockery at the time of the Rockery's Restoration, and there will be a granite marker.

In many ways, this has been a Very Fulfilling and Very Interesting Year.

Respectfully submitted,

David and Sylvia Gardner, Co-Chairmen

TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	19,807 (1990 Federal Census) 23,123 (2000 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 2000	$1,624,735,000
Town Meeting	Second Monday in April
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

(The by-law regarding Annual Town Election was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on October 30, 2000 to the Fourth TUESDAY in April)

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry — Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6) — John Joseph Moakley, Boston
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3) — Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2A&B, 4, 5) — Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brockton

Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6) — Jo Ann Sprague, Walpole

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5) — Geraldine Creedon,Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 2B, 3, 6) — David L. Flynn, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District — Kelly A. Timilty, Canton

IN MEMORIAM

WALTER W. PERRY, SR.
PHILIP O'CONNELL
RICHARD J. KENT
HAROLD K. HOLMES
RUTH VAUGHAN
MARION E. MURRAY
VIRGINIA E. MILANO
OLIVE M. ANDERSON
GARY W. HILMER
LILLIAN R. JOHNSON
GEORGE J. MARSH
ROBERT W. TRIBUNA
LAWRENCE E. THOMAS
JOSEPH W. FULLER, SR.
FORREST E. BAILEY
MARY C. SCULLY
LILLIAN C. MCGRANACHAN

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Richard C. Dailey	2003

SELECTMEN

Leo R. Harlow	2003
Patricia E. Webster	2003
William D. Hardin	2002
Frederick W. Clark (Recalled 10/4/00)	2001
Carla A. Goodwin	2001
Jeffrey L. Tufts	2001

ASSESSORS

John A. Keach, Jr.	2003
Gerard S. Marsan	2002
Charles C. Willis (Retired)	2001
Wallace M. Fulcher	2001

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ellen Barlow Boyajian	2003
William P. Braun	2002
Caroline S. O'Neill	2002
Lennart K. Altieri	2001
Marc R. Brockman	2001

BOARD OF HEALTH

William Grimes	2003
David E. Gardner	2002
Robert J. Kane	2001

HOUSING AUTHORITY

June H. Brousseau	2005
Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member)	2004
Michael J. Malloy	2003
Daniel M. Crane	2002
Sandra L. Conant	2001

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Irwin M. Cohen	2003
Christina A. Mirrione (Resigned)	2003
Craig P. Gardner	2003
Allen R. Barron	2002
Dawn Marie Boynton	2002
Robert L. Hicks	2002
David W. Brown	2001
John J. Kent	2001
Heidi M. Churchill	2001

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead	2002

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Martha Leigh White, Asst. Town Administrator
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant
Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Pamela J. Berglund, Asst. Treasurer/Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on Aging Director
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Creighton G. Muscato, Recreation Director
Marc R. Rousseau, Town Planner

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.
Michael Green, Ed. D., Adm. Asst to Supt.

Wayne P. Southworth, Interim DPW Director
Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets
Wayne P. Southworth, Supt. of Water Division
John J. Marsh, Asst. Supt. of Water Division
Richard Hayes, Supt. of Central Maintenance
Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
Allen R. Krajcik, Deputy Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control Officer & Animal Inspector

D. Mark Trivett, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Sealer of Weights & Measures
Albert K. Greiner , Code Enforcement & Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

Wheeler, Richard K.	2003
William E. Scharnick	2003
Jerome Zeidman	2003
Roger R. Guerette	2003
James A. Carey	2002
Scott Crelease	2002
Michael Freeman	2002
John Hurley	2002
Margaret Carey	2002
Paul Foley	2002
Michael Bombas	2002
George A. Mather	2002
Elaine Mather	2002
Robert Babineau	2001
Jerold Loomis.	2001
Harold L. March	2001
Neil J. McGrath	2001
John Melin	2001

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:
(In Alphabetical Order)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Stephen A. Freitas	2005
Walter Mirrione	2004
Stephen Pinzari	2003
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr.	2002
Steven H. Johnson	2001
Paul G. Pino (Resigned)	2002
Stephen J. McAlarney (Resigned)	2001

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lewis N. Aries, Jr. (Resigned)	2003
John E. McMorrow	2003
George Tyrrell	2003
David W. Brown	2001
David Linde	2001
David S. Wood, Jr.	2001

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth	2003
William D. Hardin	2002
Philip Barske	2001

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Michael J. Boyle	2003
Sharyn Katz	2002
Paul Dubois	2002
Bruce Baker	2001
Wendy V. Nightingale	Town Accountant
William J. Meehan	Planning & Zoning Board
Heidi M. Churchill	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

John D. Melin	2003
John R. Howard	2002
Raymond Phillips	2001

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John E. Grant	2003
Gary A. Spurr	2003
Michael G. Sites	2002
Frederick Clark, Jr.	2001
Barry DunKley	2001

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marie Healey	2003
Ethel Pomerleau .	2003
Elizabeth A. Verity	2002
Francis H. Spillane	2002
Christine Quinn	2002
Phyllis Kiessling	2001
Nicolina Previti	2001
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Sharyn Katz	2002
Jennie DunKley	2001
Susan P. Harrington	2001
Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	2001
Gino DelGuercio	2001
Celeste Howe	2001
William J. MacMullen	2001

EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE
Michael Deltano, Informational Systems Mgr.
Christine E. Margulies
Lewis N. Aries, Jr.
Judith Canty
Anne M. Carney, Data Processing Dept. Mgr.

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Nicolina Previti	2003
Anthony Pires	2003
Kevin McIntyre	2003
Barbara Dolloff-Grattan	2002
Marie Healey	2002
Elizabeth H. Verity	2001

FENCE VIEWERS
John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE
Philip Barske

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE (CONT'D)
Barry DunKley, Historical Commission
Paul Fruzzetti
John J. Kent (Resigned)
Paul Marino, Jr.
Alan Roscoe
John Webby
Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Conservation Comm.

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jean H. Cote	2001
Patricia Dahl (Resigned)	2001
Edward Jacobson, ADA Coordinator	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Edmund C. Hands	2003
Robert Babineau	2003
John Ventresco	2003
Greg Galer	2002
Frank T. Meninno	2002
Gloria J. Stafford	2001
Barry R. DunKley	2001

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

John P. Horan	2003
Philip Barske	2002
Scott Bamford	2001
Carolyn Tabaie	2001
Stephen A.Freitas, Board of Appeals	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Leo N. Turcotte	2003
Kenneth Carlson	2003
Richard L. Freitas	2002
David R. Morse	2001

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

Gloria J. Stafford	2003
James S. Thomas	2002
Gerard S. Marsan	2002
Donna P. Richman	2002
William M. Ames	2001
Kathleen E. Boyle	2001
Hazel L. Varella	2001
Edwin C. White	2000
Daniel Churchill	2000
Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director	

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Peter B. Yochim	2002
Kenneth Carlson	2002
Paul Mullen	2001

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

Robert E. Langway, Jr.	2001
Gail Tuominen	2001
Michael Carey (Resigned)	2000

OCES ELDER SERVICES
Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors
Nicolina Previta, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY CTTE.
Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Was Roger Hill) Representative

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Colin W. Gillis	2005
Mark S. Bartlett	2004
Christine Santoro	2003
David Boch (Resigned)	2003
Christopher J. Kone	2002
William J. Meehan	2001
Walter H. Johnson, Alternate	2002

RECREATION COMMISSION

Charles H. Hammond	2003
Frank Spillane	2003
John McDonald	2002
Mary McCarthy	2002
Michael Carey	2002
Alex Szymulo	2001
Stephen Torrey	2001
Patrick Goodman, Associate Member	
Don Edmonston, Director (Resigned)	
Creighton G. Muscato, Director	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Albert W. Fleury	2003
Jean M. Kent	2002
Jean H. Cote	2001
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lennart K. Altieri	
Marc R. Brockman	
Judith E. Josephs	
Henry P. Narsasian	4/19/2003
Michel Carey	4/19/2003
Wallace Fulcher	4/19/2003

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CONT'D)
Dawn Boynton, Finance Committee
Robert L. Hicks, Finance Committee

275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
David E. Gardner
Richard Berglund
Pamela Berglund
Ernest Camara
John B. Foye
Elizabeth H. Verity
Louis G. Silva
Sylvia C. Gardner
Avery L. Williams
Sharon O'Leary
Marie A. Madden
Anne Marie Martin
Diane Shannon
Marie Graca
Marilyn A. Henderson
Dorothea K. Lewis
Teresa M. Connor
Carol A. Smart
Linda J. LaRock
John Falzone

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER
Louis G. Silva

VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
Howard Margulies
Daniel M. Crane
Mark Peterson (Resigned)
Mary Ellen Radovanic
Ronald Lawson
George Sherback
Kenneth Carlson

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Eugene Packer	2003
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2002
Shirley Tufts	2001

Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent & Local Water Resources Management Officer

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Chairman School Committee
Commander George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO THE CITIZENS OF EASTON:

Predictions throughout the world spoke of potential Y2K (the year 2000) computer generated difficulties, upon the dawn of a new century and the start of a new millennium. The Town of Easton was on alert, with extra police and fire personnel, water department personnel and administrative staff were in key town buildings. As the clock struck 12:01, January 2000, the new century and start of new millennium, entered quietly and uneventfully.

The year 2000, for Easton was far from uneventful. This year marked Easton's 275 Anniversary as an incorporated town. This year marked the first year, in which there were five town meetings. This year the town grappled with future problems of rapid growth, transportation extension of the MBTA, while working through ongoing problems such as the landfill, school and town building maintenance, road repairs, construction delays of the addition to the Ames Free Library, with the usual limitations presented of financial constructions due to the heavy reliance on residential tax base and limited reliance on industrial tax base.

- February a special town meeting was held for adoption of new growth management and zoning changes which provided a growth management plan for use of land, open space and creative housing construction clusters.

April 2000, after the election, found Mr. Leo Harlow as newly elected Selectman, with the incumbent Ms. Patricia Webster re-elected for three years. Mr. Jeffrey Tufts, Selectman for twelve years was not re-elected. The Board reorganized with Mr. Frederick Clark as Chairman and Patricia Webster as Clerk.

- The Annual Town Meeting was convened by the Board of Selectmen and adjourned to a date certain in June.

In May 2000, the Board on a 3-2 vote, did not renew the contract of the Town Administrator, Kevin Paicos. Mr. Paicos served as town administrator for twelve years. The non-renewal of the town administrator's contract touched off a political firestorm which swept the Town throughout the summer into the fall.

Assistant Town Administrator, Martha White became Acting Town Administrator.

A recall effort was initiated in July for the recall of Selectman Clark. On October 4, at a Special Election, Mr. Clark was recalled, and Mr. Tufts was elected as Selectman. The Board was reorganized with Ms. Carla Goodwin, Chairman and Mr. William Hardin, Clerk.

- On June 12, the Annual Town Meeting was held, budgets were approved for the year 2001.

In June, the Town celebrated the 275 Anniversary with grand parade, estimates of 8,000 plus people were in attendance. Many events were scheduled for the entire year, with a culmination dance in October and burial of a Time Capsule in December 2000.

- September 5, 2000 a Special Town Meeting through citizen petition, was called which eliminated the remaining salary line item for a town administrator, thus reducing salary for any new town administrator.

- October 30, a Special Town Meeting was called with fifteen articles for Consideration. Two significant articles concerned the landfill closure and funds to restore the position of town administrator. Both articles passed.

On November 1, 2000, Mr. Paicos' contract was renewed for eighteen months, with a review in April 2001 and renewal consideration in April 2002.

The Board of Selectmen wrestled with a number of issues. The proposed extension of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) from the Town of Stoughton to the cities of Fall River and New Bedford, would extend through Easton, including the Hockomock Swamp. The Town of Easton continued to take a stand in opposition of the extension based on several concerns, environmental impact, traffic congestion and project cost compared to benefits. The approach of the end of 2000 found the strong legislative support on Beacon Hill, Boston, and stronger local opposition.

The need for recreational facilities has not kept pace with acquisition of adequate areas for active recreational activities. The Recreation Commission, working with various sports leagues and other departments in Town began to develop long range plans for improvements to existing facilities and development of new areas. The Board worked in areas of recognition of the problem and in areas defining new potential land for recreational purposes.

Recognizing the need for additional business development, the Town embarked on two efforts. A subcommittee of Ms. Webster and Ms. Goodwin created a charge for a Wastewater Management Study Committee, with the Study being funded in part by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Board made further recommendations to adopt the study of wastewater management in areas of the Village District, Easton Industrial Park and along the 138 corridor. A second area which the Board undertook, and is an on going area of investigation concerned the feasibility of a jointly developed business park with contiguous towns. This is still an ongoing issue.

The last issue the Board of Selectmen worked on was the closure of the landfill. In October 1997, town meeting appropriated 1.8 million for materials, consulting services and other anticipated costs. Staffing changes and other problems delayed the project's completion. Problems became apparent regarding the quality of some of the workmanship as well as other management decisions surrounding bidding processes. The issue of the landfill was heightened due to the frequent obnoxious odors being emitted from the landfill. Area residents were affected and concerns were generated regarding health risks associated with the emissions. A charge, through a landfill committee, and through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen was undertaken to determine ways to rectify construction problems, and the best ways to complete the project.

Town Meeting on October 30, appropriated an additional 1.2 million for completion. A complete operational, financial and managerial audit of the project was authorized by the Board.

While this year has been historic in the type of activities undertaken by the Board of Selectmen, the constancy of our Town employees provided the backbone and structure necessary during the turbulent times. The Town of Easton is blessed and fortunate to have a dedicated group of employees, many dedicated and efficient department heads which really do provide Easton with sound governing practices.

Special acknowledgement goes to Martha White who guided the Town through the political firestorm with fairness and an eye toward doing the work of the Town.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated citizens who participate in local boards, volunteer on various committees and other activities. Without their unmitigating commitment to the betterment of the Town, life in Easton would be much different. We offer our sincerest gratitude to their efforts to create a landscape of excellence.

For an unprecedented eleventh consecutive year, Easton was recognized as having the best safety programs of any city and town in Massachusetts. This prestigious award footnotes the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the Town's safety effort saves in insurance costs each year. Special thanks to the Executive Loss Control Committee for their leadership in these endeavors.

The Selectmen's Office has many individuals who work behind the scenes doing the work of running the Town, and doing follow up on many details of Town Government. Two individuals, stand out that is Mary McCarthy, Administrative Secretary and Shelly Meehan, Executive Secretary. Also we wish to acknowledge Linda Howard part-time Secretary, Nicolina Previti, Senior Volunteer, Anthony Correnti, Administrative Intern and David Cudmore, Town Office maintenance person, for their commitment to doing a good job.

Lastly, Kevin Paicos received the Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Public Service Award this year for the outstanding Town Manager for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This award exemplifies his efforts for Easton.

We extend our appreciation and thank you for all of those who made our job easier and to those individuals who have challenged us to make the Town Government reflective of what Easton exemplifies through its committed citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla A. Goodwin, Chairman

FOR THE EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
William D. Hardin
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Jeffrey L. Tufts

2000 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the citizens and taxpayers of Easton

The following report is submitted herewith:

Fiscal year 2001 was a revaluation year for the Town. This meant that the Department of Revenue had to certify that all assessments were at market value based on sales that occurred during 1999. In order to meet the standard for certification, the Board of Assessors analyzed sales from 1999 to see how much the market had changed. The results of analysis showed that the value of almost every type of property had increased markedly. The final values reflected an increase in assessments that met the state guidelines. The percentage of increase in assessments varied by style, neighborhood, class etc. and was determined by statistical analysis. The reason for revaluation is to assure all taxpayers in Easton that they are paying only their fair share of the tax burden based on the state standard of "market value".

The assessment date for the revaluation was January 1, 2000. The Town now has 5,055 single-family homes. Along with this the Town has 1160 condominiums, 165 two-family homes and 21 three-family homes.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 1,601,211,900.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	23,523,100.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 1,624,735,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$ 42,186,739.53
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges	50,015.19
State & County Charges	300,527.00
Overlay Account	428,939.76
Total Expenditures	$ 42,966,221.48

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	10,541,689.00
Local Receipts		3,975,367.00
Offset Receipts		504,337.00
Enterprise Funds		2,316,170.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		1,956,269.53
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	19,293,832.53

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION $ 23,672,388.95

Tax Rate = 23,672,388.95 / 1,624,735,000 X 1000 = $ 14.57

During the year, two members of the Board resigned. Each of these members served for a long period of time and the Assessor's Office will miss their expertise. John Keach served for thirty-seven years and Charles Willis served for seventeen years.

GERARD S. MARSAN, CHAIRMAN
WALLY FULCHER, CLERK

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Once again, the Finance Committee faced a fiscally challenging year, as have all other Town Departments. During 2000, the Finance Committee continued to address all financial transactions that came before Town Meeting, while focusing on budgetary matters with all department heads throughout the town. The lateness of the State budget only served to make the Finance Committee's job more challenging, with little time allowed for budget reviews, analyses and subsequent revisions.

During the budget review process, Finance Committee members met with all department heads, analyzed all of the town's departmental budgets, and approved most budgets without significant changes. All enterprise and revolving accounts were also analyzed in detail to the Finance Committee's satisfaction.

The Finance Committee also approved several Reserve Fund transfers, including: a $2,405.28 request from the Zoning Board of Appeals to cover unforeseen costs associated with clerical wages and a request from the Board of Selectmen of $37,594.72 for the funding of the town administrator's sick leave buy-back, which depleted the balance of the Reserve Fund. The "Non-Union Wage Reclassification" was of considerable concern for the Finance Committee, as this reclassification increased many of the town budgets. The Finance Committee spent a great deal of time reviewing and analyzing theses increases.

The Finance Committee met throughout the year. Additionally, many members attended the Association of Town Finance Committees annual meeting in October. Finance Committee Chairman, Heidi Churchill, was elected to the position of First Vice President of the state wide committee. Additionally, Churchill was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Association as an executive Board member.

The Finance Committee continues their representation and actively participates on many sub-committees, including: Capital Planning, the School Planning and Municipal Building Committees, the Fire Study and the Landfill Committee. The Committee continues to monitor issues such as the forensic Landfill audit, along with the Southeastern Regional School audit.

The Committee also welcomed three new members: Irwin Cohen, Craig Gardner and Christina Mirrione. Their performance during the budget review process was exemplary and the Committee appreciated their efforts. It is with profound regret that we received Ms. Mirrione's resignation this summer. Her tenure as a Committee member proved to be invaluable.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to outgoing Committee Secretary, Shelly Meehan, along with the committee's new Secretary, Lee Harney for their dedication and commitment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Churchill, Chairman
John Kent, Vice-Chairman
Dawn Boynton, Clerk
David Brown
Allen Barron
Robert L. Hicks
Craig Gardner
Irwin Cohen.

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2000, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long-range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. School Councils, which brought individual improvement plans and creative ideas to each of the schools, worked in concert with the School Committee and school administration. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

During the 2000 school year, a number of staff changes were experienced by the school system. Retirements included Secondary Social Studies teacher Beverly Mansi, Secondary World Language teacher Lucia Pins, Guidance Department Head Birute Silvia, and Elementary teachers Diana Crooks, Judith Cottrell, Virginia Coleman, and Lois Lessard. Staff moving to other professional opportunities included Spanish teacher Turia Stark, Science teacher David Hamer, Math teacher Dawn Kelliher, SPED teachers Bonnie Smith and Heather Peterson, and Elementary teachers Kristine Martini, Stacey Naumes, Louis Kfoury, Jeanne Baxter, and Pat Ingalls. In addition, the school system was very saddened by the deaths of SPED teacher Dina Caple and long-time grade six teacher Gary Hilmer.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 2000 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Over ninety-two percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Approximately four percent elected to join the world of work, and four percent the military.

The class of 2000 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve well above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that approximately 90 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. Seven high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition, and Easton's Academic Bowl Team again won the honor as champion of the South Shore League.

Twenty-three students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit in both the spring and fall semesters, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had ninety-five students shadow local employees in thirty-six area companies for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Eleven students were enrolled as Tech Prep students and received college credit at participating colleges. Also, courses in Industrial Technology earned Tech Prep status from technical higher education schools.

Several members of the high school chapter of Future Business Leaders of America received recognition in the state organization, including Christine Rochel as the State President, Jenna Wilbur as State Vice-President and Melinda Pollard as State Historian. At the State level, Jenna Wilbur placed first in Economics, George Arthur placed first in Business Law, and Christine Rochel placed first in Impromptu Speaking. Also, Stephanie Rochel received the Prudential Community Service Medal and represented Massachusetts in the national program in Washington, D.C.

High school and junior high school students were involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its eighth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society in the spring and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Center School Halloween Parade, and tutoring students after school who needed the extra help. Junior high school students also participated in the 8th annual Teen Harmony Day at the Fleet Center, a day long event celebrating diversity and tolerance in preparation for Make A Difference week in the spring.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the junior high school was the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. One such way was the introduction of the Facing History and Ourselves program, an interdisciplinary focus of study at each junior high school grade level. Grade seven students addressed civil rights issues such as apartheid and more current issues affecting the global community, grade eight students focused on the issue of slavery in the United States, while grade nine students participated in the "Trail of Tears," an interdisciplinary unit on the treatment of Native Americans.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. Nine members of the 2000 graduating class are now majoring in art on the university level, and this class gained recognition at the annual state-wide Boston Globe Art Awards by finishing with the most awards in the history of the Oliver Ames Art Department. At the junior high level, many students participated in the SMARTS Touring Art Exhibit, and six students received recognition at the Boston Globe Show. Elementary students had their art work recognized through the Boston Flower Show and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the central administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the

Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Steve Conant, again captured a State Championship, while the Oliver Ames Jazz Band and the Easton Junior High School Jazz Band both won Silver Medals at the IAJE State Finals. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, was chosen Grand Champion for the fourth year in a row at the Eastern Show Choir Festival, receiving top honors in Choreography and Vocals. The 2000 OAHS musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof" was directed by Mrs. Dalrymple and assisted by Mike Steers and proved to be an outstanding endeavor. The Easton Junior High School Orchestra earned a Gold Medal rating at the MICCA Festival and was invited to perform in the Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood. Kate Fergusson, Adrienne MacMannis and Robert Mezzanotte participated in the 2000 All-State Festival, while Jennifer McGill, Jennifer Willis, Katie Cooke and Heather Lee were chosen to perform in the Brockton Symphony Orchestra. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, the annual spring concert was held in early June at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz band, show choir ("Spotlight") and concert band. End-of-the-year musical programs were performed in each of the three primary schools under the direction of Mrs. Baker. Also, work continued on the integration of music with the other elementary content subjects.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program at both the high school and junior high school levels, National History Day for Grade 8 students, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. The National Geography Bee for grades seven and eight was once again held, and this year's school representative is Chris Maggio.

The World Languages Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France, as a group of students from Oliver Ames High School participated in the fourteenth year of an exchange with Lycee Delamare. The high school participated in a second exchange program in September, by hosting a group of students from Girona, Spain. A group of junior high school students also toured Montreal, Canada during the summer, where the students visited and experienced first hand the culture of French Canada.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Seventh Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbeques for the three junior high school classes. Students in the Early Childhood Education Tech Prep Program were involved in numerous activities with the P.A.L. preschool children, including programs to build parenting skills, fire safety units, and cooperative initiatives with the H.U.G.S. organization.

In the English Department, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers. Grade 7 and 8 students researched interdisciplinary units related to apartheid, the census, the Olympics and Australia, the millenium, and Johnny Tremain. Grade 9 students worked on interdisciplinary units with

the social studies classes on the French Revolution, and presented scenes from Romeo and Juliet. Sophomores prepared for the rigors of the writing requirements of the MCAS exam. Students in grades 11 and 12 collaborated with grade four classes on music units that culminated in performances by each group for the other. Twelfth grade students also wrote, directed and produced segments of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and had the opportunity to view a showing of Hamlet.

In Physical Education, participation was excellent in the high school interclass volleyball tournament and the faculty/student volleyball and wiffleball competitions. The high school also introduced the Polar Technology initiative to its Physical Education program. The junior high school ran two golf tournaments for the students. Also, five hundred and five students took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring. The elementary schools sponsored a very successful "Jump Rope for the Heart Association" fundraiser, and individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

Fifteen secondary science students earned college credit by participating in the MCET Satellite interactive program through the University of Massachusetts, while students from the high school placed third in the entire state in the statewide Envirothon team competition. Grade nine students also participated in the annual state Envirothon and collected awards in several categories, while grade ten students participated in a plant project called "Close Encounters of the Floral Kind." Grade eleven students took part in a Chemistry Olympiad, with the culminating event, a chemistry bowl, held the evening of the science fair. Grade twelve physics classes worked in teams with Lego-Dacta equipment to design robots that act independently to quickly and efficiently remove identified objects from a circular area.

The following Industrial Technology students received personal recognition for their craftsmanship and work ethic: Architectural and Building Engineering - Andrew Eaton; Automotive Technology - Sean Flynn; Auto Body Technology - Barry Green; Manufacturing Design Technology - Shawn Maloney; Manufacturing Engineering Technology - Brian O'Neill; Building Construction and Cabinetmaking - Joshua Glaser; and Electrical Technology - Pat McLaughlin.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions, with grade 5 winners including Jack O'Connor, Jillian McLean, and Adam Kowalczyk; essay contest winners in Easton's 275th Anniversary competition, including Alex Tabaie, Kelly Donovan, Amanda Eggert, Ericka Swanson, Brittany Baker and Christopher Bonarrigo; the continued success shown in the New England Math League; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee, in which Christopher Maggio and Ethan Frigon were first place winners; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search, in which John Mulholland and Lindsay Athanasiou were recognized; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program and World of Difference curriculum; and, individual school programs for students such as the science olympiad, poster contests, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, reading incentive programs, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Understanding Teaching I; Mentor Teacher Training; Using Scanners and Digitized Cameras to Enhance Classroom Activities; The Amazing Writing Machine; Guided Reading and Phonemic Awareness; Implementing

Successful Inclusion Programs; Applying Learning Style Research to Instructional Strategies; Creating Teacher Resources for the Classroom; Social Skills Basics; Social Competency; American Red Cross Community CPR, First Aid and Safety; Wilson Level I Teacher Certification; First Steps Writing; Developmental Reading Assessment; Earth Science; Curriculum Based Language Intervention; Assessment Procedures; Curriculum Development for the Heterogenous Classroom; and, Standards-Based Math Instruction.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on a number of topics, including the following: Using Powerpoint for Classroom Presentations; Introduction to Gradebook; Inspiration; Windows'98 and Microsoft Office; Understanding Teaching I; Mentor Teaching Training; Assessment in the Arts; Dealing with Mass Trauma in a School Setting; Strategies for Teaching Algebra; Strategies for Succeeding on the MCAS; Introduction to Microsoft Word; Museums Across the Curriculum; Critical Thinking Skills; Human Concerns in Schools; Making Algebra Child's Play; Educators and Legal Issues; and, Advanced Child Development.

A major new initiative was put into place to support beginning teachers. A formal Mentor Program was designed and implemented by a committee chaired by Marilyn Cunha and facilitated by Dr. Judith Frederick. Mentor teachers participated in graduate courses that were sponsored by the school system in collaboration with the Norwood Public Schools and the Easton Educators Association that were designed to assist them in their new roles.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary school level, Nancy Piesco of the Parkview School was selected by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as Inclusion Teacher of the Year, and was also named Teacher of the Year by the Easton Lions Club. Lynne Maguire of the Parkview School received her Master's Degree in reading and literacy, and Nancy Hauck is on the Steering Committee for the development of the school system's five-year Strategic Plan.

Cindy Lehan, Pat Gentile, Mary Twirga and Cindy Kulig of the Moreau Hall staff served as consultants to the Title I program and conducted workshops for parents on a variety of educational topics.

Chris Margulies worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the continuation of the technology club at the high school, technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings, and coordination of technology efforts in the Richardson and Olmsted schools.

At the Center School, third grade teachers Sharon Hurley, Rita Sudhalter and Lauren Egizio wrote and coordinated a "20th Century Celebration" musical extravaganza that was performed by the third grade students.

Judy Josephs, school nurse at HHR/FLO, completed her Master's Degree in the area of Pediatric Nursing from Boston College, Carolyn Sparrow of the Olmsted School was chosen to participate in the Fulbright Teacher-Scholar program, and Meagan Williams won four achievement awards from the Family Education network for her web-page design.

Sherrie Banchiere, grade four teacher at the Richardson School, took part in a week long institute sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education to learn scoring procedures and then score the long composition component of the MCAS. Also, grade four teacher Jeanne Baxter received an award for "Excellence in Inclusive Education" from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation.

Easton Junior High School Principal Aubrey Conrad was chosen as secondary principal of the year by the Massachusetts Association of Secondary School Principals. He represented Massachusetts and joined the winners of this prestigious award from each of the other forty-nine states in celebratory activities in Virginia in late-spring.

Upon the retirement of long-time Director of Guidance Birute Silvia, William Sullivan was chosen as the new Guidance Director, and Christopher Young was selected to succeed him as the Assistant Principal of the high school. Ellen Russell of the Science Department succeeded Dave Ryan as Science Department Chair.

Also at the secondary level, retiring Director of Guidance Birute Silvia was chosen by the South Shore Guidance Association as its Counselor of the Year for the 2000-2001 school year. Stonehill College honored Mrs. Silvia's contributions to the Easton community and to education by initiating the Birute T. Silvia Scholarship in the amount of ten thousand dollars to be awarded annually to an Easton student attending Stonehill College.

Charlene Dalrymple continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, was soloist at the Cathedral of Holy Cross and was guest conductor in the Shoreline Music Festival. Carol Porter led the Unity Treble Chorus at Unity Church in Easton and directed the Olmsted/Richardson production of "Clowns" in May, while Steve Conant was a member of the Fantasy Big Band out of Hopedale, MA and David Chace is playing Euphonium in the Tri-County Band in Mattapoissett. Doug Anderson completed his eleventh year as Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the ASTA and NSOA Camp at Amherst College. In April, Mr. Anderson was the recipient of the Career Educator Award by the Easton Lions Club.

Marie Annunziato and Ellen Russell of the Science Department completed the rigorous program requirements and achieved National Board Certification in Science.

In the Business Department, Jean Churchil served as advisor to the Massachusetts FBLA organization, the LEO Club, and the American Technology Honors Society. Also, Wendy Lopriore served as facilitator of technology at the junior high school and was co-responsible for the continued implementation of a curriculum that is researching and preparing a multi-media presentation on the Holocaust. Cathy Harp wrote and received a second grant for a Future Educators of America organization, and served as director of Adult Education and the Summer School.

Members of the Social Studies Department were active in a number of student activities. Bruce Field advised the Hockomock Senate Program, Ellen Simmons coordinated the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Bryan McSheffrey coordinated the National History Day initiative and coached the junior high school Mock Trial team, and Ed Hands coached the high school's Mock Trial and Academic Bowl Teams. In addition, Mr. Field is serving as President of the South Shore Council for Social Studies, and Mr. Hands serves on the Board of Directors of the South Shore Council, the Easton Historical Society, and is a member of the Easton Historical Commission.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, taught an undergraduate course during the summer at Stonehill College and attended the Northeast Conference of Foreign Language Teachers in Washington, D.C. In addition to coursework completed and seminars attended by other department members, Ron Riley traveled to Madrid, Spain to update his collection of Spanish artifacts and Claire Planeta participated in a four-day immersion program in Spanish at Northeastern University.

Through the Industrial Technology Department, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Mr. Mack and his students. Also, staff members in the department completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance, technology, and motivational techniques. Mr. Sullivan continued to introduce the newer technological hand tools to the various shops.

Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, continued to make use of several new technologies including a CD-ROM tower for text-based research that facilitates electronic retrieval of information, distance learning via satellite, internet access, and participation in the Regional Library System. In March, 2000, the library media centers in all the Easton schools were involved in the first "Read Across America" celebration on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2.

The Easton school nurses enhanced health offerings through active membership with the Brockton School Department's coalition of school nurses. The nurses again co-sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son evenings with the Health Education staff, and began the computerization of the school health offices using updated software in all the schools.

At the central administration level, Dr. Judith Frederick, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, was selected by the William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to participate in the Fulbright Administrative Exchange Program. As a result of this distinctive honor, Dr. Frederick spent six weeks in Reading, England reviewing curriculum, assessment and administrative programs and offerings and their appropriateness and applicability to the Easton educational system.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Judith Frederick, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, co-chaired by Gary Mazzola and Ellen Russell; Math, chaired by Dr. Mary-Ellen Toscano; English/Language Arts, co-chaired by Donna Eno and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by James Mitchell, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, co-chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinque; Social Studies, co-chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Fran Ialenti and Bob Smith; and the Arts, co-chaired by Judy Yankopoulos and Doug Anderson.

Two new courses were approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council and the School Committee. In grade 9, a new "Research Skills" elective has been implemented. The course utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching multi-media skills and Social Studies content based on a program called Facing History and Ourselves. American Studies I, which incorporates the learning standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, has been implemented in grade 10. In addition, the Physics curriculum was rewritten and implemented.

In April and May 2000, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 participated in the third administration of the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing program. Following the release of the results in early December, parent seminars were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies. Easton ranked in the top quarter of the school districts in Massachusetts and second among the twenty-six surrounding communities on the South Shore.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, with nearly 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were extremely successful this past year. The girls basketball team won the Division 2 South Sectional Championship and competed for the Eastern Massachusetts Championship at the Fleet Center in March. The girls soccer team captured their second straight Hockomock League title this past fall and competed in the south sectional championship game, while the boys soccer team also qualified for the state tournament. The boys and girls cross country teams both won league titles, captured their State Class meet and finished third in the State Championship meet. The girls field hockey team advanced to the second round of the State Tournament, the boys golf team placed second in the State Championship Match, and the football team had a winning record of 6-4 and captured victory in the annual Thanksgiving day game against Sharon. The girls swimming and diving team won the Bay Colony Championship swim meet for the first time ever.

A significant number of Easton athletes were selected to league all-star teams and recognized by area media outlets. At the completion of the fall season, the Boston Globe in its fall All-Scholastic section selected to its All-Scholastic Teams the following Easton athletes: Andrea Matthews in soccer, Adam Paicos in cross country, Erin O'Brien in cross country, and Lamarr Monterio in football. Creig Muscato was selected as Division 2 Girls cross country coach of the year.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 5 programs at the Easton Junior High School.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we also continue to be grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April's annual town election, Ellen Barlow Boyajian was elected for a three year term on the Committee. The Committee was reorganized with Lennart Altieri as Chairman and Caroline O'Neill as Vice Chair.

The school system's proposed budget of $20,418,785 for Fiscal Year 2001 was approved by Town Meeting in June. This represented a 6.0 per cent increase over the FY 2000 budget. The funding increase was used to add a few positions to accommodate growing enrollment; to address increased tuition and transportation costs in special education; to fund higher health insurance premiums for employees; and to implement new and revised curricula consistent with State Curriculum Frameworks.

During 2000, there were a few changes in the high school administrative staff. Long time Director of Guidance, Birute Silvia stepped down and was replaced by William Sullivan. Christopher Young was selected to succeed William Sullivan as the Assistant Principal of the high school. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Birute Silvia, on behalf of the thousands of students, parents, and peers whose lives she has touched.

During the last school year, a number of classroom teachers and professional staff have left our system. Retirements include Lois Lessard, Virginia Coleman, Diana Crooks, Judith Cottrell, Lucia Pins, and Beverly Manzi. Staff members who have moved on to other professional opportunities are Turia Stark, David Hamer, Dawn Kelliher, Kristine Martini, Stacey Naumes, Lois Kfoury, Pat Ingalls, Jeanne Baxter, Bonnie Smith, and Heather Peterson. In addition, the committee was deeply saddened by the deaths of grade six teacher Gary Hilmer and SPED teacher Dina Caple.

The Easton School Committee would like to extend it sincere appreciation for the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the staff that has left our school system.

Each year a large number of our staff engage in a variety of activities designed to enhance their own instructional skills and to bring new ideas and resources into the classroom. Several teachers, for example, completed requirements for their Master's Degrees. Others attended institutes and workshops, participated in curriculum review and development, or designed and carried out special programs or field trips for and with students.

We have a few individual awards and activities that deserve special recognition. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Judith Frederick was chosen by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to participate in the Administrative Exchange program that is sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency. Through the program, Dr. Frederick spent six weeks in Reading England, a top ranked school district, where she gathered

information about their instructional programs, and shared ideas and innovations with their administrators and teachers. Aubrey Conrad, Easton's Junior High Principal, was chosen as the Massachusetts secondary principal of the year by the Massachusetts Association of Secondary Principals. He joined the winners from the other forty-nine states in celebration of their prestigious awards in Virginia. Additionally, the South Shore guidance Association chose retiring Director of Guidance Birute Silvia as its Counselor of the Year for the 2000-2001 school year.

The School Committee continues the challenge of addressing the decline in per pupil expenditures in relation to other school districts in the state. Due to a flaw (the wage adjustment factor) in the Education Reform funding formula, for the last 8 years Easton has not received an equitable share of the additional state aid for local schools that was appropriated under the Reform Act. Due to the extensive lobbying by members of the Committee, key personnel at the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue have agreed that the current formula is unfair. The Governor and Legislature have agreed to phase out the wage adjustment factor over a four-year period. This is a step in the right direction; unfortunately it is too little too late. Without going back and making adjustments for the previous eight years that this flaw formula was in effect, our *Foundation Base,* which state aid is based on, has grown at lesser rate than the majority of districts in the state. The School Committee and other town officials will continue to bring this problem to the attention of those who may be involved in developing the new formula that will eventually replace the current one. In the meantime, The Committee will intensify efforts to identify other sources of funding and to determine the most efficient and thoughtful allocation of available resources.

Even without the enhancements that adequate funding would provide, our students have continued to excel in every possible area, including academics, athletics, and the arts. In addition to the extraordinary efforts of our administration and staff, we are blessed with an unusually large and dedicated group of volunteers whose work has allowed us to provide a far richer program than would otherwise be possible. For example, the local education foundation (F.E.E.E.- Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton) raised over $40,000 in 2000. This money was used to fund many technology needs within our district, including the purchase of computer hardware and software. The School Councils in all seven schools, each composed of volunteer parents, teachers, and other community members, devoted countless hours to the development of individual School Improvement Plans. The parent advisory councils (PACs) in each building raised substantial funds for curriculum enrichment programs. A number of parents and other community members spent time in classrooms on a regular basis giving extra help to students. Members of the Police and Fire Departments continued to provide a uniquely positive presence in our schools. On behalf of the School Committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those individuals who contribute their talents, their hard work, and most important, their time to assist in the critically important task of educating our children.

In the fall of 1999, the School Committee embarked on an important new initiative. A Strategic Planning Committee was formed for the development of a long-term strategic

plan for the Easton Public Schools. This committee has over one hundred individuals who represent a wide variety of "stakeholders" who are helping us identify key components of our program that should be addressed in the next five years. The nine areas being addressed by this committee are Academic Excellence, Community, Co-Curricular/Enrichment, Funding, Human Resources/Personnel, Physical Plant, Safety, School Culture, and Technology. The process of formulating a strategic plan for the school district is expected to take at least a year. Once such a plan is in place, it is anticipated that it will be an enormous help in guiding our decision-making. The members of the Committee are excited at the prospect of further engaging the community in our efforts to create an even stronger system.

In addition, the School Committee looks forward to working with the School Planning Committee and the Municipal Building Committee and applauds their efforts to address the space and renovation needs in our school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Lennart K. Altieri, Chair
Caroline S. O'Neill, Vice Chair
Ellen Boyajian
William P. Braun
Marc R. Brockman

2000 REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ralph Armstead, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 high school technical training programs and seven technical institute post-secondary programs. On October 1, 2000, 1,154 students were enrolled in the high school and 125 students were enrolled in the technical institute.

Easton's share of the total FY2001 $4,926,731 assessment represents 74 students at a total cost of $293,964.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern receives funds from federal programs such as IDEA-Special Education Entitlement, Special Education-Supporting Access to the Curriculum, Title I- Safe and Drug Free Schools, Perkins-Occupational Education Vocational Skills and Tech Prep. Commonwealth of Massachusetts grants for Health Protection, Essential Skills and Technical Training provides for improved and expanded instructional programs. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school to career activities.

Southeastern Regional continues to align the English/Language Arts and mathematic curricula with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to meet the requirements of Educational Reform and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Southeastern started a parent focus group as an ongoing forum for parents to discuss issues concerning MCAS with the administration.

In June of 2000, the high school graduated 204 students. Placement records indicate that 90% of the Class of 2000 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and other student organizations increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. Winners of the Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA competition in the Opening and Closing Event competed at the National Skills USA/VICA Competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

The officers of the National Honor Society attended a four-day leadership conference in Washington, D.C.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss the curriculum, instruction and equipment needed to allow each program, to remain at industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their deliberations and make recommendations for improvements to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to opening up greater communication with its alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni.

The Southeastern Technical Institute has had a very successful year. While recruiting was somewhat more difficult, we began with a strong cadre of students. We are fortunate to continue our relationship with My Turn which has enabled us to provide more intensive English As A Second Language tutorials. This service will enable more students to be successful in the technical institute, as well as in securing solid employment.

Last year was the first time technical institute students participated in Skills USA/VICA. We were the proud winners of ten medals including two gold medals at the state competition. Those winners representing Licensed Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting went on to the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. Ms. Kelley Souleiman won a bronze medal in Medical Assisting and Ms. Marge Cabral placed fifth. Faculty, staff and fellow students were all proud of everyone's performance.

Report of the Town Collector
Schedule of Taxes and Water Rates
for the Year Ending June 30, 2000

	Uncollected Taxes June 30,1999	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers To Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2000
Personal Property						
1993	16					16
1995	1,057				1,057	0
1996	516					516
1997	804				115	689
1998	1,569		257		342	970
1999	3,485				666	2,819
2000		303,850	153		302,320	1,377
Totals	$7,446	$303,850	$409	$0	$304,500	$6,387
Real Estate						
1997						
1998	20,695		2,037		22,732	0
1999	243,951		4,847	54,169	187,935	(3,000)
2000		22,462,599	104,842	127,464	21,975,924	254,369
Totals	$264,646	$22,462,599	$111,726	$181,634	$22,186,591	$251,369
Motor Vehicle Excise						
1986	17,913				31	17,882
1987	21,653				103	21,550
1988	27,584				349	27,235
1989	26,244				465	25,779
1990	23,202				223	22,979
1991	15,984				234	15,750
1992	12,311				125	12,186
1993	12,527				222	12,305
1994	12,679				369	12,310
1995	10,896				1,529	9,367
1996	12,533		15		2,745	9,773
1997	14,849				5,083	9,766
1998	30,196	12,154	2,722		24,672	14,956
1999	189,571	325,103	33,362		450,405	30,908
2000		2,098,212	62,067		1,857,209	178,936
Totals	$428,143	$2,435,469	$98,166	$0	$2,343,763	$421,683
Water Rates and Services	$143,959	$2,096,967	$32,811		2,055,438	152,676

Report of the Town Collector
Receipts
July 1, 1999 To June 30, 2000

Taxes collected for	**2000**	**24,149,691.42**
Taxes collected for	**1999**	**724,883.08**
Taxes collected for	**1998**	**25,014.44**
Taxes collected for	**1997**	**5,197.95**
Taxes collected for	**1996**	**2,745.42**
Taxes collected for	**1995**	**2,585.87**
Taxes collected for	**1994**	**369.08**
Taxes collected for	**1993**	**221.77**
Taxes collected for	**1992**	**125.00**
Taxes collected for	**1991**	**233.96**
Taxes collected for	**1990**	**222.91**
Taxes collected for	**1989**	**464.69**
Taxes collected for	**1988**	**348.96**
Taxes collected for	**1987**	**103.12**
Taxes collected for	**1986**	**30.51**
Water Liens Collected		**61,918.00**
Water Betterments Collected		**4,995.48**
Committed Interest Collected		**10,841.77**
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens		**156,107.40**
Water Betterment releases		**80.00**
Trailer Park Fees		**13,176.00**
Certificates of Municipal Liens		**21,050.00**
Ambulance Fees		**323,994.77**
	TOTAL	**25,504,401.60**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
Town Collector

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

Bank Accounts	*Balance June 30, 1999*	*+Receipts*	*-Payments*	*Balance June 30, 2000*
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	9,267,208.88	58,137,962.29	60,708,864.75	6,696,306.42
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	365,269.41	10,764.51	15,000.00	361,033.92
Conservation Fund	1,578,404.31	105,351.57	122,402.55	1,561,353.33
Unemployment Compensation	82,898.90	4,822.60	21.00	87,700.50
Pension Reserve Fund	532,313.77	29,200.91	40,000.00	521,514.68
Police Forefeiture Account	11,293.72	297.52		11,591.24
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	8,882.13		500.00	8,382.13
Mary Stone Library Fund	6,124.31	276.59	804.39	5,596.51
Scholarship Funds				
Ellen Atwood	2,084.88	91.96	100.00	2,076.84
Parker-Ames	121,262.77	23,805.62	10,000.00	135,068.39
Mary A. Stone	6,254.04	275.87	300.00	6,229.91
World War Memorial	50,979.19	3,037.60	2,300.00	51,716.79
Young	3,157.08	139.30	150.00	3,146.38
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				
Furnace Village Cemetery	21,586.66	966.35	1,000.00	21,553.01
Pine Grove Cemetery	3,630.72	162.18	200.00	3,592.90
Immaculate Conception	7,541.82	337.07	400.00	7,478.89
South Easton	9,867.45	441.26	500.00	9,808.71
Town Cemeteries	16,813.68	761.11		17,574.79
Total Cash				9,511,725.34

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2000

Long Term Debt	*Outstanding*	*Issued*	*-Principal*	*Interest*	*=Outstanding*
Inside the Debt Limit	*July 1, 1999*		*Paid*	*Paid*	*June 30, 2000*
Buildings					
**Police Remodeling '88*	1,010,880.00		215,600.00	37,674.30	795,280.00
TOTAL	1,010,880.00	0	215,600.00	37,674.30	795,280.00
Dept. Equipment					
Computer '92	15,000.00		5,000.00	657.50	10,000.00
'97 Capital Budget	180,000.00		60,000.00	8,940.00	120,000.00
Police Comm. Equip '97	133,200.00		44,400.00	6,615.60	88,800.00
Fire Trucks '99		675,000.00	168,750.00	36,342.89	506,250.00
TOTAL	328,200.00	675,000.00	278,150.00	52,555.99	725,050.00
School Buildings					
Center School Roofs	60,000.00		30,000.00	2,325.00	30,000.00
Four School Roofs	875,000.00		100,000.00	46,250.00	775,000.00
School Renovations '94	155,000.00		30,000.00	8,177.50	125,000.00
School Repairs '97	152,400.00		50,800.00	7,569.20	101,600.00
**New School '97*	20,760,000.00		630,000.00	1,007,983.76	20,130,000.00
TOTAL	22,002,400.00		840,800.00	1,072,305.46	21,161,600.00
School All Other					
**School Sidewalks '97*	126,000.00		92,500.00	7,024.00	33,500.00
TOTAL	126,000.00		92,500.00	7,024.00	33,500.00
Other Inside Debt					
Road Repairs '94	340,000.00		85,000.00	17,765.00	255,000.00
Dam Const. 6-1-97	60,000.00		20,000.00	2,980.00	40,000.00
Land '97	536,800.00		31,600.00	26,691.60	505,200.00
Dam Const. 12-15-97	200,000.00		50,000.00	11,162.50	150,000.00
Conservation Land '97 (70.5%)	606,469.70		37,985.40	30,153.53	568,484.30
Conservation Land-Elm St. '99		160,000.00	17,200.00	3,702.17	142,800.00
ConCom Land-Poquanticut '99		150,000.00	16,200.00	3,485.22	133,800.00
Title V Loans '99		200,000.00			200,000.00
TOTAL	1,743,269.70	510,000.00	257,985.40	95,940.02	1,995,284.30
SUB-TOTAL Inside Debt	25,210,749.70	1,185,000.00	1,685,035.40	1,265,499.77	24,710,714.30

***Proposition 2 1/2 Exempt**

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2000

Long Term Debt Outside Debt Limit	*Outstanding July 1, 1999*	*+Issued*	*-Retired*	*Interest Paid*	*=Outstanding June 30, 2000*
Water					
Well,Pumping Station '92	270,000.00		30,000.00	14,325.00	240,000.00
Water Bonds '92	180,000.00		20,000.00	9,550.00	160,000.00
Water Bonds '94	185,000.00		30,000.00	9,812.50	155,000.00
Water Mains '94	370,000.00		65,000.00	19,580.00	305,000.00
Water Mains '97	356,360.00		46,820.00	17,258.64	309,540.00
Water Bonds Refunding	299,120.00		59,400.00	11,275.70	239,720.00
Land(29.5%)	253,770.30		15,894.60	12,617.43	237,875.70
Water Mains '99		715,000.00	71,250.00	15,340.58	643,750.00
Land-Freeman '99		500,000.00	51,600.00	11,113.52	448,400.00
TOTAL	1,914,250.30	1,215,000.00	389,964.60	120,873.37	2,739,285.70
SUB-TOTAL Outside Debt	1,914,250.30	1,215,000.00	389,964.60	120,873.37	2,739,285.70
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	27,125,000.00	2,400,000.00	2,075,000.00	1,386,373.14	27,450,000.00

Short Term Debt	*Outstanding July 1, 1999*	*New Debt Issued*	*- Retired*	*= Outstanding June 30, 2000*	*Interest Paid in FY00*
Bond Anticipation					
Library Addition/Renovation	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	6,120.83
Water Mains	900,000.00		900,000.00		17,900.00
Freeman Land	550,000.00		550,000.00		10,938.89
Landfill Closure	1,800,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,800,000.00	1,700,000.00	
Conservation Land - Poquanticut	150,000.00		150,000.00		
Conservation Land - Elm St.	160,000.00		160,000.00		
Fire Apparatus	675,000.00		675,000.00		
Land-Foundry St.		300,000.00		300,000.00	
Water Filtration System		150,000.00		150,000.00	
TOTAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	4,835,000.00	2,750,000.00	4,835,000.00	4,835,000.00	34,959.72

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2000

AUTHORIZED and UNISSUED DEBT

Date of Vote	*Article No.*	*Purpose*	*Amount Authorized*	*-Issued -Retired - Rescinded*	*=Unissued 6/30/2000*
1/23/95	**9**	*Police Communications*	222,000.00	219,500.00	2,500.00
4/10/95	**15**	*Well & Pumping Station*	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
11/6/95	**2**	*Conservation-Galloway*	775,000.00	327,000.00	448,000.00
4/8/96	**7**	*Library Remodeling*	5,000,000.00		5,000,000.00
4/14/97	**27**	*Water Mains*	900,000.00	715,000.00	185,000.00
5/11/98	**59**	*Freeman Land*	550,000.00	500,000.00	50,000.00
5/11/98	**40**	*Water Filtration System*	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
4/13/98	**20**	*Rockery Grant (SAN)*	64,000.00		64,000.00
11/9/98	**17**	*Landfill Closure*	1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00
11/9/98	**27**	*Land- Foundry St*	300,000.00		300,000.00
11/22/99	**7**	*Conservation Land-Lewis Farm*	115,000.00		115,000.00
11/22/99	**10**	*Water Mains*	1,100,000.00		1,100,000.00
11/22/99	**13**	*HVAC System*	200,000.00		200,000.00
11/22/99	**15**	*Rockery Grant (SAN)*	100,000.00		100,000.00
11/22/99	**16**	*Wastewater Mgmt Planning*	350,000.00		350,000.00
TOTAL AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT					12,214,500.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 1999	590,249.31
Additions:	
Takings through FY "98" Taxes	65,335.15
Subsequent Year "00"	146,268.36
Subsequent Year "99"	1,209.09
Deductions:	
Redemptions	193,396.98
Foreclosures	2,560.28
Adjustment to Tax Taking	136.01
Balance - June 30, 2000	535,659.39

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
Town Treasurer

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, which includes the balance sheet as of that date.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

The annual year-end closing of the "books" as of June 30th went very smoothly. Financial Statements were prepared as of that date and submitted to the Department of Revenue in a timely manner.

I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Morgan and Adilia Collazo for all their hard work and dedication during the year, particularly during my maternity leave. In addition, I thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet -
All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund type	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,366,796	$ 1,287,370	$ 189,363	$ 1,879,840	$ 4,426,701	$ -	$ 11,150,070
Receivables:							
Property taxes	1,019,183	18,674	-	211,721	-	-	1,249,578
Excise	421,683	-	-	-	-	-	421,683
Charges for services, net of allowance	-	-	-	809,732	-	-	809,732
Departmental	225,260	-	-	-	-	-	225,260
Due from other governments	175,008	867,984	-	-	-	-	1,042,992
Due from other funds	-		300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Inventories	-	-	-	60,814	-	-	60,814
Fixed assets	-	-	-	17,491,274	-	-	17,491,274
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	14,047,590	14,047,590
Amount to be provided by Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	14,091,000	14,091,000
Other assets	2,490	33,252	-	-	-	-	35,742
Total Assets	$ 5,210,420	$ 2,207,280	$ 489,363	$ 20,453,381	$ 4,426,701	$ 28,138,590	$ 60,925,735
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	$ 390,671	$ 110,551	$ 75,706	$ 26,436	$ -	$ -	$ 603,364
Accrued liabilities	385,241	10,257	-	11,231	-	490,000	896,729
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Deferred revenues	1,666,125	886,658	-	220,439	-	-	2,773,222
Notes payable	-	-	2,815,000	550,000	-	-	3,365,000
General long-term debt	-	-	-	2,501,410	-	24,948,590	27,450,000
Estimated landfill closure and postclosure liability	-	-	-	-	-	2,700,000	2,700,000
Other liabilities	127,311	-	-	-	1,617,282	-	1,744,593
Total Liabilities	2,569,348	1,007,466	2,890,706	3,309,516	1,917,282	28,138,590	39,832,908
Fund Equity:							
Contributed capital	-	-	-	13,977,287	-	-	13,977,287
Retained earnings	-	-	-	3,166,578	-	-	3,166,578
Fund balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	199,511	-	-	-	-	-	199,511
Reserved for continuing appropriations	715,631		-	-	-	-	715,631
Reserved for expenditures	82,339	-	-	-	-	-	82,339
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	257,843	-	257,843
Unreserved:							
Designated	-	-	-	-	2,251,576	-	2,251,576
Undesignated	1,643,591	1,199,814	(2,401,343)	-	-	-	442,062
Total Fund Equity	2,641,072	1,199,814	(2,401,343)	17,143,865	2,509,419	-	21,092,827
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	$ 5,210,420	$ 2,207,280	$ 489,363	$ 20,453,381	$ 4,426,701	$ 28,138,590	$ 60,925,735

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2000 was made by Melanson Heath & Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants & Management Advisors. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roger Hill retired as D.P.W. Director on September 22, 2000, after serving in that position since January 29, 1996.

The closure of the landfill on Prospect Street proved to be the largest project ever undertaken by the D.P.W. personnel. The majority of the Highway Division personnel were involved with the task of spreading and shaping thousands of yards of cover material over the 22 acre site.

Unfortunately, the estimated cost of this project, $1,800,000, was expended before completion. Town Meeting approved another $1,235,000 to cover the cost of the entire capping project to be done by a third party. SEA Consultants were hired to re-design the closure plan, prepare plans and specifications and provide inspection services for a contractor to complete this project in 2001.

The Engineering Division designed and inspected the installation of over 6000 feet of new sidewalk on Randall Street from the High School entrance to Bay Road. The Engineering Division is continuing in the use of the new Global Positioning Satellite survey equipment by locating the approximately 160 systematically located points throughout the community to determine their coordinates to tie in with the aerial photography mapping and the state plan coordinates system.

Paul O'Neill, a 26-year employee of the Tree Division, was appointed Tree Warden on July 1, 2000.

The Forests and Parks Division maintains over 50 athletic fields; cemeteries; parks; playgrounds and town owned properties.

The Central Maintenance Division has been busy maintaining the 100+ heating and air conditioning systems in all the schools and town buildings, many of which are outdated and in need of replacement. A large capital replacement program will be necessary to bring them up to today's standards.

The Water Division inspected the installation of 960 feet of new 12" ductile iron water main on Turnpike Street from the intersection of Depot Street north to the West Bridgewater town line and 1726 feet of 12" water main on Foundry Street from the intersection of Turnpike Street east to the West Bridgewater town line. Both locations replaced old 6" cast iron water mains installed in 1915. The trench on Foundry Street will be re-surfaced with a finish patch in the spring of 2001. The section of roadway on Turnpike Street was rebuilt and re-surfaced.

All D.P.W. Divisions assisted with the installation of five new tennis courts at the High School and two new courts at the Unionville Playground.

The D.P.W. personnel deserve much credit for all the extra hours worked during snow plowing and sanding operations, maintaining the 350 streets in the community with over 120 miles of roadway.

We are in desperate need of updating our fleet and maintaining a continuous capital replacement program.

I would like to extend my appreciation for the support I have received from all department heads and their staff. The D.P.W. supervisors, Peter Huie, Richard Hayes, Edward Jacobson and Paul O'Neill, the D.P.W. administration staff, Jan Jacobson, Pamela Almeida and Maurice Goulet. I am very proud of all the 42 professional employees of the D.P.W. who have worked diligently throughout the year.

Respectively Submitted,
Wayne P. Southworth, Director

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY, MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, AND SNOW & ICE DIVISIONS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Highway Division reconstructed Mechanic Street, Andrews Street, Sullivan Avenue, Adam Street, Nancy Road, Janet Road, Turnpike Street from Depot Street to the West Bridgewater line, Prospect Street from 106 to Howard Street, Caroline Road, Kennedy Circle and Porter Street. We also overlayed School Street, Rachael Circle and Oliver Street. The top course was installed on Kenneth Road, Calvin Road, Marshall Road, Twin Pine Lane and Pammy's Path.

The Highway Division built the new tennis courts at the High School and Unionville Playground. At the same time we had the lower parking lot and rear access road at Oliver Ames High School overlayed. We had new asphalt sidewalks installed on Adam Street, Nancy Road, Janet Road and Randall Street. We installed 500 ft. of new drainage on Shady Rest Road and in front of New Pond Dam.

The men of the Highway Division also worked at the landfill installing the sub-soil on the slopes and part of the top.

We cleaned catch basins with the used truck we purchased last year, saving approximately $17,000 per year.

The Vehicle Maintenance Division, as always, did an outstanding job maintaining our fleet of 192 vehicles. Thanks again to Pat Neary and Don Badger for a job well done.

The Highway Division / Snow & Ice also responded to 18 sanding operations, along with 4 plowing operations, involving all 22 DPW personnel, and 35 private contractors.

I would like to thank Dick Hayes, Wayne Southworth, Peter Huie, and Paul O'Neill, along with their respective personnel, as well as the office staff, for their help and support during the past year. Also thank you to the men of the Highway Division, Jim Luke, David Barrett, Chris Daniels, John Flynn, Joshua Ford, Alan Hopkins, Joseph Malinosky, Robert Meade, Joseph Pucillo and David Sousa for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN FOREST AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Over the past year, the Forest and Parks Department has taken on the added responsibility of 26 cemeteries, which we clean and mow. The Department also takes care of 25 town-owned properties such as schools, town office, parks, and playgrounds. Forest and Parks has only 3 full time employees. During the summer, five high school students were hired to assist with the mowing.

The Forest and Parks Department has continued with its maintenance program of removing dead, dying, and diseased trees along the roadways. Brush is cut away from corners, roadsides, and signs to help visibility. This takes place with the assistance of the Highway and Central Maintenance Divisions. Wind and storm damage has been chipped up and removed as soon as possible. New trees were planted to replace the ones that were taken down.

Poison Ivy was sprayed along roadsides and private property upon request. Gutters and sidewalks were also sprayed for weed control.

Painting lines for football, soccer, field hockey, track and field, and softball were done for the high school sports programs.

Assistance was given to other divisions for snow removal, moving of equipment, tables and chairs for Town meetings and other events.

I would like to thank the other departments for their assistance during the past year, as well as the men in my own division.

Respectively Submitted,

Paul E. O'Neill
Tree Warden

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2000.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	49,103,000	JULY	86,075,000
FEBRUARY	46,740,000	AUGUST	66,436,000
MARCH	49,802,000	SEPTEMBER	64,566,000
APRIL	53,587,000	OCTOBER	57,817,000
MAY	58,592,000	NOVEMBER	52,021,000
JUNE	68,667,000	DECEMBER	55,538,000

Total gallons pumped in 2000 – 708,944,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,871,000 gallons on 7/12/00.
Total 2000 Precipitation was 47.64 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,226 service and emergency calls:
- Connected 71 new services for a total of 6,662 active services
- Replaced 539 meters
- Renewed 2 services
- Repaired 16 service leaks
- Repaired 22 broken water mains
  - 2 - 4" mains 2 - 6" mains 1 - 10" main
  - 15 - 8" mains 2 - 12" mains

In 2000, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
- 16 feet of 4" water mains
- 8,476 feet of 8" water mains
- 5,386 feet of 12" water mains
- 24 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 151.3 miles of water mains, 1,304 hydrants and 2,738 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 13,010 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing; 4,123 delinquent notices were mailed and 261 final bills were calculated.

New 12" water mains were installed on Turnpike Street (960 ft.) from Depot Street to the West Bridgewater town line and on Foundry Street (1726 ft.) from Route 138 to the West Bridgewater town line. A total of 13 services were re-connected to the new mains and the

old mains were taken out of service. These two projects improve fire flows for the entire area.

This completed the twelfth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 235 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 1 commercial building was surveyed. We have 201 testable devices in the system, 114 double check valve assemblies and 87 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers. This year 277 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,
686 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
6 nitrate analysis
1 nitrite analysis
4 routine analysis
7 secondary contaminants analysis
6 volatile organic compounds analysis
7 microscopic particulate analysis
1500 pH samples
1000 chlorine residual tests
1 gross alpha
7 radon
6 inorganic compounds analysis

We completed our second leak detection survey, using digital correlation technology.

This survey picked up 7 leaks amounting to 22 gallons per minute, or 11,563,200 gallons per year saved, with an estimated annual savings of $43,460.43.

Since the beginning of our Leak Detection Program in 1982, 298 leaks have been located and repaired, saving 894,166 gallons per day or 326,370,590 gallons per year.

This was the 7th year that we conducted our controlled system-wide flushing program, covering the 151 miles of water mains. This annual flushing cleans all sediments from the mains and helps to ensure the delivery of safe, clean water to your tap.

The staff of the Easton Water Division gave presentations to the following groups in 2000:

- 2 Seminars and Tours, Girl Scouts
- 11 N.R.T. Class Tours of Well #2
- 2 Day tours of our Xeriscape Garden
- Open House
- Canoe River Awareness Day
- Assist with the Annual Health Fair
- NEWWA/MWWA – Presented paper on our Xeriscape Garden
- Presentation to MWWA Cross Control Seminar
- Presentation to NEWWA – System Flushing

- Presentation to NEWWA on National Drinking Water Week
- Presentation to Junior High Students "Envirothon"

Michael Berry, Meter Technician, and Julie Kantrovitz, Record Account Clerk 1, were honored at the 51st Anniversary Recognition Night of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. Both received the 2000 ***"Water Works Pride Award"*** given to support staffs that have demonstrated extra effort in the Water Works field.

The meeting room at the Easton Water Division office at 417 Bay Road has become in high demand, as virtually the only town meeting room, and it was utilized 96 times during the year for both daytime and nightly meetings and training sessions.

We were very proud to have been selected by the Massachusetts Garden Club Federation to have our demonstration *Xeriscape Garden* included in their Annual "Gardens on Tour." We hosted over 160 guests on July 12 and 13 from over the entire State. There was much interest in our Xeriscape design and concept, which eliminates the need to water the many native perennials that make up the garden. A special thanks to Jan Fowler of the Easton Garden Club and Dick Mueda of the Water Division for their continued efforts in maintaining this beautiful garden, which has become a great educational tool.

We conducted two Household Hazardous Waste Collection days—the first on Saturday, April 15, 2000, with 289 residents participating and the second on October 28, 2000 with 486 residents. This was the largest attendance ever since we started in 1984, costing us $26,401.53 for the one day. Computer terminals and television sets have now been considered hazardous materials due to the lead content in the printed circuit boards, making it very costly to dispose of them.

On March 30, 2000, we co-sponsored a lawn care seminar with the Towns of Norton, Foxboro, Mansfield, and Sharon as part of a regional effort with the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. It was held at the Norton Jr. High School, with Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Lawn irrigation continues to be the greatest concern of all water departments and puts the most strain on our water system during the summer months. We are going to continue to educate the public as to proper lawn watering techniques and have a similar seminar planned for March 29, 2001 with Brian Vinchesi, a national consultant on irrigation.

During the year, we were able to assist Easton's 275th Committee with several activities at our office meeting room, as well as to participate in the 275th parade.

The October 30 special town meeting approved $500,000 for the installation of ultraviolet disinfection equipment at our 6 pumping stations. This equipment will be an additional barrier protecting our water supply from contaminants, and hopefully reducing the need for chlorination.

The Easton Water Division was honored once again at the State House during National Drinking Water Week on May 11, 2000, by being presented one of the Massachusetts Public Water System awards.

The Water Division hosted its 16th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 6, 2000 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Over 850 posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton school system—especially, Judy Yankopoulos of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate all these students to the value of water and the need to protect it.

I would like to thank the employees of the Easton Water Division for their extra effort during this difficult year: Shirley Tufts, Peggy Hannigan, Julie Kantrovitz, John Marsh, Raymond Keyes, Richard Buckley, John Fresh, Jr., Scott Habelt, Michael Berry, Richard Mueda, Gerry Coletti, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, and John Siscoe.

"With Water Works Pride"
Wayne P. Southworth

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (C.R.A.A.C.) held 11 meetings during the year. The Committee rotates its meetings in one of the five towns on the Canoe River: Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Foxborough, and Sharon. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, between 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

- The Committee spent a good portion of their meetings discussing water restrictions in the five communities, and the need to educate homeowners on proper lawn care techniques.

- The Committee sponsored a Lawn Care Seminar on March 30, 2000, at the Norton Middle School, with Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Over 750 brochures were mailed out to the five communities and there were over 100 people in attendance. The seminar was videotaped and copies were distributed to each community to be shown on their local cable station.

- Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, applied for a $3,000 grant to help fund the Lawn Care Seminar.

- The Committee had window decals made with their logo, which were distributed at all events throughout the year.

- The Committee held its Annual Awareness Day on Saturday, May 13, 2000, on Redmill Road at the Easton/Norton town line. Linda Marler, from the Department of Environmental Management, spoke to approximately 30 attendees on protecting our river resources in the summer. The day concluded with canoe rides on the river.

- Pat Rogers, Taunton River Basin Team Leader, congratulated the Committee on receiving two grants: one in the amount of $50,000 for a Water Resource Study of the Canoe River, and the second grant of $44,360 for a Pesticide Study.

- The Committee was persistent in its attempts to transfer 183.6 acres of land along Route #495 in Norton from the State D.P.W. to the Town of Norton.

- The Town of Norton approved the acquisition of the 57-acre Johnson Property Parcel and the 35-acre Subon Property Parcel. These acquisitions are great contributions to our Greenbelt Project.

- The Committee also had presentations at its monthly meetings:
  - Peter Garrett of Emery & Garrett Groundwater Inc., on Bedrock Wells.
  - Jeff Hanson and John Murphy of Bluestone Energy Services, on the Regional Desalinization Project.

Present Membership

Norton	*Foxborough*	*Sharon*
Susan Mims	Robert W. Boette	Gregory Meister
Frederick Watson	Joan F. Sozio	Patrick Dorcus
Suzanne Erikson	Leo Potter	Dave Masciarelli

Easton	*Mansfield*
Philip Barske	Edward Tartufo
William Hardin	Leonard F. Flynn
Wayne P. Southworth	Robert K. Jones

2001 Meeting Dates

Thursday	January 4	Norton Town Hall
Thursday	February 1	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	March 1	Easton Water Department
Thursday	April 5	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	May 3	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	June 7	Norton Public Library
Thursday	August 2	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	September 6	Easton Water Department
Thursday	October 4	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	November 1	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	December 6	Norton Town Hall

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Major accomplishments of the Engineering Division this year included developing plans for the Elm Street reconstruction project consisting of road rehabilitation, new and rehabilitated concrete sidewalks, and drainage improvements. It is expected that construction of this much needed project will be completed during the year 2001. The Engineering Division also played a key role in laying out and overseeing the construction of the new tennis courts at the Oliver Ames High School and Unionville Playground, and the inspection and construction management of the Randall Street sidewalk project and Foundry/Turnpike Street water main projects. Other notable projects of the Engineering Division are as follows:

Design of the Main Street Parapet Wall
The redesign and layout of Swifts Park
Identifying additional wetlands impacted by the proposed MBTA
Perambulating the town boundaries
Layout of the underground sprinkler system and underdrains at the High School

This year the Engineering Division assisted in the painting and installation of over 150 targets at various locations in town. Once the Engineering Division has determined the locations and elevations of these targets using our newly acquired Global Positioning Satellite survey equipment, this information would be the vehicle used to contour the entire town of Easton.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on approximately 780 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 400 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions. In addition, the Engineering Division completed approximately 580 separate actions on DPW and miscellaneous projects not associated with either the Conservation Commission or Planning & Zoning Board.

Kudos are in order for Robert Dunn of the Engineering Division whose tireless efforts were instrumental in returning a headstone, which was found at Easton's landfill, to its rightful grave site. The headstone marked the grave of World War I veteran Bernard Porter, and through Mr. Dunn's tenuous records research determined that Mr. Porter's gravesite was at the Moses Mendelson Cemetery in West Roxbury. On December 3, 2000, Easton Town Officials, and members of the Jewish War Veterans and Easton American Legion Post No. 7 witnessed the memorial plaque being rededicated at the Moses Mendelson Cemetery with full military honors.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
Town Engineer

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Central Maintenance Division has seen many changes over the past year and many accomplishments.

The major HVAC renovations in the Parkview and Center Elementary Schools have been completed.

The handicap chair lift at the Oliver Ames High School is up and in operation.

I was able to obtain a full/proof Electrical Energy savings program is still in effect and should result in more savings this year.

My Natural Gas Specification is in effect until July and should save us on gas cost this winter, I will be working on another program for the up coming years.

I would like to thank Wayne Southworth, Ed Jacobson and their staff for all the help in the completion of the playgrounds and Manny Mendonca, Ken Martin and the rest of the Central Maintenance Department for their untiring work on this project would also like to thank Peter Huie, Bob Dunn and Maurice Goulet for their support throughout the year.

Bill Groves and Alfred Arthur did a fantastic job in running all new main electrical service to the Oliver Ames High School, which saved the town well over $30,000.00, Great Job.

A special thanks to Manny Mendonca on the beautiful wall on Main Street this is a small sample of the quality work done by the Central Maintenance Division.

A special thanks to the men of the Central Maintenance Division for their outstanding work. Manny Mendonca, Bruce Morse, Marty Arthur, Ken Martin, Bill Groves and Steve Guidaboni. Thank You!

I would like to thank Dr. Mike Green, Dr. Simmons and Shelly Casavecchia at the School Department for all the support and work we have done this year.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard A. Hayes
Central Maintenance Superintendent

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I Hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	60	
Multiple Family Dwellings	1	
Additions-Residential	125	
Alterations-Residential	102	
New Commercial	7	
Additions-Commercial	15	
Alterations-Commercial	35	
Demolished Buildings	8	
Signs	32	
Temporary Signs	12	
Swimming Pools	52	
Roofs	98	
Siding	22	
Weights and Measures	2	
Temporary Tents	53	
Earth Removal	1	
Wood Stoves	16	
Yard Sales	98	
Foundations	40	
Temporary Trailer	0	
Certificate of Inspections	58	
Certificate of Occupancy	63	
TOTAL	900	
TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION		$33,043,863
Total Building Fees Collected		$204,375.60
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections	682	
Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected		$37,238.47
Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued	591	

Total Number of Gas Fees Collected		$12,045
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	300	
Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected		$24,180
Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	351	

The Building Department was busy during the year 2000. The overall number of permits issued was consistent with 1999, however, the estimated cost of construction increased significantly from $17,000,000 to over $33, 000,000. in 2000.

While new single family residential construction leveled off in 2000, there were more additions and alterations than the previous year. In total, residential work accounted for $15,442,885 of estimated construction cost.

New commercial building were consistent with 1999, but there was an increase in additions and alterations for a total commercial value of $17,600,978 in construction costs.

Wiring, plumbing and gas permits and fees were all up slightly over the previous year. Plan reviews, daily inspections, certificates of occupancy and zoning determinations were up significantly in the year 2000.

I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff as well as all Town Departments for their help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett
Inspector of Buildings and Zoning

2000 REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This was another active and progressive year for the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board worked responsibly with implementation of the new Flexible Residential Development Zoning By Laws adopted at Town Meeting. These growth management tools have proven to help meet the following community objectives:

Preserving larger tracts of open space within (or adjacent to) new developments;
Preserving Easton's remaining rural character;
Encouraging development to be more sensitive to the environment;
Minimizing long-term operating costs to the town.

The Planning and Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, approved, or initiated the process for, thirteen (13) Flexible Residential Development applications. This included six (6) approved Estate Lots which allowed construction of fewer homes than would be possible in conventional subdivisions. Three (3) common driveways were approved for new residential lots reducing the number of access points to a public way. These common driveways limited the amount of existing vegetation needing to be altered or eliminated leaving a more rural character. One (1) Adult Retirement Community was approved which presents a fiscally responsive development for the town. In terms of impact on the school system and general town government services, this age restricted "over 55" community, with privately maintained ways, limits the burden on the town while generating responsible tax revenues from a quality development. Two (2) Open Space Residential Developments were initiated in calendar year 2000 and were still before the Board at the end of the year. These developments present an alternative to a conventional subdivision where open space can be preserved and sensitive resources protected while generally maintaining the same number of houses found in a conventional subdivision. Finally, one (1) Residential Compound application was initiated in 2000 and was still being considered by the Board at the end of 2000. This type of proposed development consists of larger lots (60,000 square foot average) with smaller, privately-maintained roads. The net result being a smaller number of houses being built.

In 2000, the Board met a total of twenty-six (26) times on Wednesday nights. In addition to the Special Permit Applications, the Board addressed Approval Not Required Plans, Preliminary Subdivision Plans, Definitive Subdivision Plans, and Site Plan Applications.

Eighteen (18) "Form A" – Approval Not Required Plans were endorsed. Some of these plans created new lots and others combined existing lots into one.

Eight (8) Preliminary Subdivision Plans were submitted for review. All of them either received conceptual approval or the applicants were directed to submit the definitive subdivision plan. These Preliminary Subdivision Plans included: Wood's Trail (1 lot) ; Lexington Estates (8 lots); Jennifer Estates (5 lots); Tanglewood Estates II (47 lots); Arrowhead Estates (3 lots); Leisure Estates (2 lots); Corey Estates (3 lots); Hearthstone Woods (11 lots).

Seven (7) Definitive Subdivision Plans were approved. They were: Turner Homestead (1 lot); Modification of Raven Estates (3 lots); Cardinal Estates (28 lots); Lexington Estates (8 lots); Jennifer Estates (5 lots); Twin Brooks (51 lots) and Unity Meadows II (2 lots). This represents a total of 98 potentially buildable lots.

Seven (7) Site Plans were approved in 2000. They included: Ames Free Library; 8 Lincoln Street; Stonehill College – New Residence Hall; 7 Plymouth Drive; 2 Washington Street; 763 Washington Street and 559 Foundry Street.

Additional time was spent on the following types of business:

Public Hearings – Acceptance of Streets
Public Hearings – Modification of Previously Approved Definitive Subdivision
Public Hearings – Amendment to the Zoning Map
Release of Surety for Completion of Roadways and Related Improvements
Recommendations on Cases to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals
Initiating and Implementing new Development Application Fees
Commenting on License Renewal Applications pending before the Board of Selectmen.
Providing Staff support to the Wastewater Management Study Committee
Participating in the update of the Open Space Recreation Plan
Providing Staff support for the Coweeset Brook Business Park Study
Serving on Committees including the Capital Planning Committee
Participation in the preparation of grant applications
Working with developers to complete unfinished roads
Implementation of Permit Tracking Software

In Spring of this year, long time member David C. Boch resigned from the Board. David served the Town of Easton very well during his long tenure and we would like to thank him for his years of service and dedication to the Board. Christine M. Santoro was appointed a Member of the Board by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacant seat created by the resignation of Mr. Boch. In addition, Walter M. Johnson, was appointed Alternate Member, by the Board of Selectmen, to serve in matters relating to the issuance of special permits by the Planning and Zoning Board when acting as Special Permit Granting Authority.

In closing , the Board sincerely thanks the top quality staff provided by the Town. Town Planner Marc R. Rousseau, AICP, and Jennifer Ann Benton are dedicated, hardworking professionals performing outstanding public service. In addition to them, the Planning

and Zoning Board expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions for their cooperation and support and most importantly, to the citizens of Easton for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our statutory responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
Colin W. Gillis, Esq., Clerk
William J. Meehan, P.E., Member
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E., Member
Christine M. Santoro, Esq., Member
Walter M. Johnson, Alternate Member

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 2000.

Thirty three (33) petitions, comprised of sixteen (16) variances; sixteen (16) special permits; and one (1) Comprehensive Permit were received by the Board of Appeals during the year which in conformity with the law were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In June, Stephen A. Freitas was reappointed to the Board, and Paul Mullen elected not to seek reappointment. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Paul for his committed service. In July, the Board reorganized electing Paul G. Pino, Chairman; Stephen A. Freitas, Vice-Chairman and Walter Mirrione, Clerk. In October, Brian T. O'Neill, Jr. was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Paul G. Pino, and Steven Johnson was appointed Alternate on the Board, filling the position vacated by Paul Mullen. At this time the Board reorganized electing Walter Mirrione, Chairman; Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Vice-Chairman and Stephen J. Pinzari, Clerk. In December, Alternate Steven Johnson was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Stephen J. McAlarney. The Board wishes to take this opportunity to whole-heartedly welcome Lee A. Harney as Secretary to the Board.

	Variance	Special Permit	Comprehensive Permit
Petitions Granted	6	9	
Petitions Denied	3	2	1
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed	6	5	
To Be Heard/Decided in 2001	1		

The Easton Board of Appeals wishes to extend their appreciation to Paul G. Pino and Stephen J. McAlarney for their many years of dedication and service. In conjunction, the Board would like to formally thank Susan Heath, former Board Secretary, for her devoted support in her three years of service. The Board wishes to also thank all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Stephen J. Pinzari, Clerk
Stephen A. Freitas
Steven Johnson

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 2000, the Conservation Commission held 78 public hearings and 105 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton.

The number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of the wetlands law has again lessened this year. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations, which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands in dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town. At the same time, the Commission also attempts to work with individual home owners and citizens whose violations may be due to lack of knowledge, or are otherwise unintentional, so that the primary goal of public education as to the wetlands laws remains the main focus.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues. Acquisitions completed during this year just concluded include:

1. A gift of land from Mugar Family 1995 Investment Limited Partnership at 15R Winnecunnet Way, consisting of 22.2 acres, which is located off Dean Street and abuts the Wheaton Farm property, and is within the Hockomock Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

2. A gift of land from Jay & Nancy B. Stanger located to the rear of 390 Center Street, consisting of 2.22 acres, which contains wetland.

During the year just concluded, Forest E. Henderson resigned from the Commission after fifteen years as member, chairman, and vice chairman. We will miss Forest's knowledge, expertise, and wise counsel. We wish him well in his new home on Cape Cod, and in his future endeavors. Gary R. Spurr was appointed to replace Mr. Henderson. Gary brings a wealth of experience through his involvement with the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, where he has been most active in its land acquisition committee, among other roles.

The Conservation Commission has created a web page on the Internet. At conservationcommission.org, information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Member, Barry R. DunKley, in undertaking this time consuming task.

Associate Member, Patricia Somers, of South Easton is continuing her work on the web site and plans to add the Town forms for public access.

The Friends of Wheaton Farm contracted for a wildlife study of the Wheaton Farm area. The eighteen-month study will conclude in 2001. One of the study's recommendations was the certification of two vernal pools on the west side of Bay Road. These two vernal pools were among

ten certified by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program in the year 2000. The other certified vernal pool locations are: six along the abandoned railroad bed, one off Rockland Street, and one off Mill Street.

The Commission worked with the Bay Circuit Trail Committee – Easton whose goal is to establish a hiking trail through Easton that will link a 200 mile corridor from Newburyport to Duxbury. Members of the Committee were day hosts for hikers participating in Trek 2000, which came through Easton on October 2nd and 3rd.

During the coming year, the Commission will be advocating for adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town. We hope to see this measure on the 2001 Town Election ballot. Among other things, adoption of this Act will make the Commission's efforts in open space acquisition and maintenance much more effective in the years to come. Also, the Commission will be updating its five-year Open Space and Recreation Plan, and we welcome the input and cooperation, which the Recreation Commission lends to this task.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff, which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sites, Chairman
Frederick W. Clark, Esq., Vice Chairman
John E. Grant
Barry R. DunKley
Gary R. Spurr

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2000.

William A. Grimes was elected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. Robert J. Kane was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Health Inspector Kristin Kennedy, R.S., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Clerk/Burial Agent Teressa Wooding, Animal/Milk Inspector John D. Melin and Animal Inspector Elizabeth J. DeRosa. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy both received their ServSafe Certification in food safety. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy also maintained their education requirements for their state licenses by attending numerous professional education classes throughout the year. Mr. Kane attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health. This seminar educates Board members on public health issues and laws. The Board omitted the Milk Inspector position this year. Mr. Melin held this position for many years. Mr. Melin was unable to stay in the position due to his retirement status. The responsibilities will now be absorbed during routine food inspections. The Animal Inspector position was combined with the Animal Control position. This position will now be governed by two departments, the Board of Health and the Police Department. The Board of Health appoints the Animal Inspector annually and the position reports directly to the Board of Health. This was the first year of Ms. DeRosa's appointment to the Animal Inspector position.

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Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 2000 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 847 residents. These include influenza immunizations, 787 residents; Hepatitis B clinics for high school seniors and grade 6; Hepatitis B clinics for Police and at High Risk school employees, individual and small groups throughout the year; Mantoux testing, 62 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 70 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 230 residents for blood pressure and 51 for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 29 investigations; Maternal Child, 0 contacts. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to six providers for the Board of Health and 21 deliveries were made to these local health care providers. As of September 1, 2000, the Department of Public Health (the vaccine provider) limited mantoux testing to those who had an exposure or were deemed High Risk. The Health Department will no longer be able to offer routine mantoux testing for employment. This year we provided a public health nurse for one hour each month, at the town hall, for the general population. The nurse is available for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screenings and information. During this scheduled time 28 Blood Pressures, 6 Blood sugars, 30 Immunizations and 2 Mantoux tests were provided.

The State of Massachusetts revised the State Sanitary Code, Chapter X, Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments, which became effective October 1, 2000. The code requires that all on-site food managers become certified in food protection management. The mandate becomes effective October 2001. The state certification program temporary replaced the local mandatory food handling education program. Local education classes will resume after the food management in town has fulfilled the state mandate. To assist in the state education requirement, the Board of Health office has compiled information on various schools and seminars that offer the certification course.

The Board of Health continued with its septic system repair program for town residents. Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator, administered the program. This year, a total of $137,657 was loaned to four single-family homeowners and two condominium developments, resulting in direct financial assistance to 57 homeowners.

Obnoxious odors from the town's landfill were reported to the Board of Health by numerous citizen complaints. The Board of Health worked with the Selectmen on the issue. Flare torches were advised to temporarily relieve the surrounding community from the over whelming odor.

The Board of Health participated and partially funded the Chestnut and Mill Streets private well water monitoring project. The town had concerns that the Hercules Dumpsite located on Stearns Ave., Mansfield, MA. was discharging contaminates into the ground water and effecting residential private wells. Chestnut and Mill Streets are served by private wells. A voluntary water quality testing program was offered to residents with a private well serving their homes in that area of the town. Twenty-nine residential wells and one stream were tested for 155 possible chemical contaminates. The results showed no apparent pollution was migrating from the dumpsite. Some localized problems were found but not related to the dumpsite. Monies from Article 23 from the 1999 Spring Annual Town Meeting for environmental monitoring and testing funded this project. The office also participated by request from the Department of Compliance and Enforcement, Department of Environmental Protection Agency, Lakeville MA to accompany an on-site inspection and record gathering for The US Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for the Toxic Substances and Disease Registry a Division of the Health Assessment and Consultation out of Atlanta, GA. Evidence compiled and reviewed revealed that there were no apparent public health hazards based on the on-site soil and sludge contamination levels and there was no evidence of past or present municipal or private well contamination from the Hercules dumpsite.

The Board of Health purchased an air-monitoring device with monies from Article 23, 1999 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The device can detect CO2, CO, O2 and dangerous levels for explosive gases. The air monitor was purchased to assist in identifying indoor air quality problems within the town. The Department of Public Health Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment and the Board of Health conducted air quality inspections at Olmsted/Richardson School this year. The inspections, per request of the Board of Health, were made to ensure safe environmental conditions for the community's children and teaching staff.

The Board of Health's Tobacco Control Collaborative Program involving the towns of Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater completed its third year. This collaborative, the Southeastern

Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTOG) was administered by Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group. In Easton, biannual compliance checks were performed for a total of 47 inspections. Only four stores were found to be in violation. The collaborative, recognizing the pledge that the students made in the 1988 kindergarten class not to smoke, sponsored a smoke- free breakfast. The students that attended the breakfast were honored with a certificate of appreciation. Budget constraints stopped future cessation classes paid by the tobacco program. Future classes, if given, will have to be supported through the Board of Health budget. The staff consists of one fulltime person, Karen McDonald, Deputy Program Director and two part-time health educators, Kristin Holmes and Lorraine Lopes. The staff is required to educate the public and to perform compliance checks throughout the communities. Kristin Holmes resigned to pursue another career. Lorine Lopes resigned due to budget constraints.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 2000, three rabies clinics were held, one in March, and two in April, for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. A total of 175 animals were vaccinated. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The West Nile Virus had become a public health concern throughout the state. Domestic birds especially the American crow were used as indicators for the virus being present in communities. Twenty-nine birds were transported to The State's Infectious Diseases Laboratory in Jamaica Plain, MA. Three American crows tested positive for the virus. The virus is passed from the bird population to the mosquito and then to the mosquito's next hosts (human or animal) when she draws blood for her eggs to develop inside her.

The Board of Health opposed cutting the state funded Bristol County Mosquito Control Project monies from the town operating fiscal 2001 budget. Their efforts were successful.
The Bristol County Mosquito Control operation worked diligently during Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus outbreaks and West Nile virus outbreaks throughout the town.

Citizens' petition, presented by Mr. Paul Frizetti, signed by 112 registered voters asked the Board of Health to put into operation a composting facility on conservation land located on Bay Road. The land, Wrights Farm, was petitioned to be run by volunteers. Efforts by the Board of Health failed due to restrictions that the conservation land possessed.

There were 677 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 152; Dumpsters, 147; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 83; Transport Offal, 20; Dumpster Service, 9; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 8; Milk Licenses, 0; Massage Licenses, 21; Caterers, 7; Mobile Food, 2; Swimming Pools, 11; Disposal Works Construction Permits, 189; Tanning Facilities, 1; Tobacco Permits, 25 and Outdoor Facilities, 0.

The office has logged 100 valid complaints from the general public.

The Board of Health met 27 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to dedicate this year's Annual Report to it's own staff. This year, we faced a reduction in personnel with unsuccessful attempts finding a replacement. The Board of Health staff continued to provide the public with professional and timely service. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to serving the town's people and this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Kane, Chairman
David E. Gardner
William A. Grimes

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 2000, 132 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 11 veterans or dependents were eligible for financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The $34,172 in veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during FY2000 was paid from local appropriation. The State will reimburse the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued.

In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provided an Annual Annuity of $1,500 to 23 disabled veterans or their dependents for a total of $34,500 that was paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Veterans' Services Department. Certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses, are eligible for this annuity program. Applications are available at this Veterans' Services Department.

During the past year this veterans' agent assisted 132 families through the Services Program, which is open to **all** Easton veterans or their dependents. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed applications or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding healthcare, pensions or compensation claims. A number of veterans requested help in obtaining a copy of their service separation papers, form DD 214, or service medals and decorations. Veterans applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Mass Health benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans and this Veterans' Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 2000.

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

Sixteen animals were submitted to the State lab for rabies examination. They consisted of 3 cats, 1 dog, 1 bat, 2 woodchucks, 4 skunks, 2 chipmunks and 1 deer. We had a woodchuck that tested positive. We still must keep our guard up for rabies. Therefore, I want to emphasize that your pet's rabies vaccination be up to date.

We sent 29 birds to the State lab for testing for West Nile Virus. Three crows tested positive.

We had 24 animal bites; 22 dogs and 2 cats. Nine animals, eight cats and 1 dog, were placed under confinement for exposure to wildlife, high risk domestic animals or for wounds of unknown origin.

ANIMAL INSPECTION:

Cattle; 32 beef, 31 goats, 2 oxen, 27 sheep, 51 swine, 56 horses, 125 chickens, 10 rabbits, and 12 waterfowl.

There were 256 dead animals; 60 cats, 22 squirrels, 42 deer, 13 opossum, 10 raccoons, 9 dogs, 31 skunks, 12 foxes, 2 bats, 9 rabbits, 1 coyote, 2 hawks, 3 woodchucks, 2 turkeys, 3 geese, 2 seagulls, 1 fisher, 2 chipmunks, 1 turtle and 29 birds.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade Saucier, Adm. Asst. JoAnne Pilz and Teressa Wooding. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town clerks, Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works. Your continued support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin
Animal Inspector

2000 ANNUAL RPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The year 2000 marked the 275th anniversary of the town of Easton as such it is an appropriate time to look back to 1975, the year of our 250th anniversary, to analyze how the role of the Historical Commission has changed over the last 25 years.

Then as now, the Historical Commission was involved in the celebration of the town's anniversary. In 1975, historic markers were dedicated at Militia Park and the site of the oldest school and a Charter Day was held, Charter Day was again held in the year 2000. Twenty-five years ago the Charter Day program was organized by Kenneth Jackson, Norman Clayton, and OA Band Director John Schuller. The keynote speaker was Edmund Hands and the cost of the program was partially underwritten by the Dual Celebration Committee. In the year 2000, the keynote speaker was again Ed Hands and Oliver Ames High School Music Director Douglas Anderson provided a string quartet. Funding was provided by the 275th Anniversary Committee. The Historical Commission would like to congratulate the 275th Anniversary Committee and Chairman David Gardner for a job well done throughout the year.

While keeping alive old traditions, Charter Day also marked the start of a new tradition. In the future the Commission will be giving two awards to recognize individuals and buildings that promote the historic preservation of Easton. This idea, suggested by member John Ventresco, who ably chaired the subcommittee that finalized the plan, marks a change on the Commission's part from memorializing neighborhoods with stone markers. The William Chaffin Award, named for the author of the definitive History of Eaton, Mass., recognizes individual commitment to historic preservation in Easton. The first winners of the Chaffin Award were Dorothy V. Berry and Christine Reynolds. The Clement Briggs Award, named for the man who built the first house in Easton, recognizes outstanding buildings preserved or restored by private individuals. The first awards went to James Carlino and John Simpson for Unity Close, and Bill Haney for the Morse Factory on Central Street.

In 1975, the Commission reported work on a Scenic Roads by-law and efforts to win grant money for restoration projects in the town's historic districts. The exterior restoration of the Police Lock-Up won a matching grant of $4,600. Grants were a focus in the year 2000 as well as the Commission worked to plan the long delayed restoration of the Rockery with matching grants more than 15 times larger than the one mentioned in 1975. The Rockery project will finally get underway in 2001.

While the Commission certainly dealt with planning and zoning issues in 1975, those issues were not the main focus of Commission's work as they were in 2000. In that year, the Commission worked on the new zoning regulations adopted by Town Meeting. This year the Commission met with private individuals and developers regarding the best ways to preserve Easton's unique character during a period of intensive growth. A particular focus was the Lincoln Street Intermediate School (the original Oliver Ames High School), which was privatized in 2000 with a strict preservation restriction attached to the deed. Other projects that occupied extensive time during the year were a single home in the Furnace Village Historic District, a proposed cell tower at 50 Oliver Street in the North Easton Historic Districts and subdivisions on Center Street and Bay Road.

In 1975, Robert Brown, a noted historian and the Chairman of the Commission left town and the Commission; long-time member John French also left the Commission in that year. In 2000, long time Chairperson Kate O'Reilly moved from Easton and Greg Galer of Stonehill College succeeded her as Chairman. The Commission welcomed Robert Babineau, the Superintendent of Borderland State Park, to fill Ms. O'Reilly's vacancy on the Commission.

Greg Galer, Chairman
Easton Historical Commission
www.historicalcommission.org

Robert Babineau, Barry DunKley, Edmund Hands, Gregory J. Galer, Frank Meninno, Gloria J. Stafford, John Ventresco

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton,

The Easton Recreation Department (ERC) experienced an exciting year. From a program basis the ERC relied on solid traditional programming in its service to the community. Such staple activities as the D.A.R.E. Summer Camp, Over-30 Men's Basketball night, the Frothingham Park Summer Concert Series, the Walk in the Park children's camp, and the Instructional Chess Program represented the wide variety of activities enjoyed by our residents.

The Children's Theatre and the Shoveltown Players provided outstanding theatrical productions during the year. The Blue Hill Ski Program conducted on Monday's was successful due to the outstanding efforts of Doreen Norrman.

The T-Ball League serving youngsters ages 4 and 5 expanded to over 220 participants during the spring and remains quite popular. The "Kids Track Meets" conducted annually on Thursday evenings in the summer at Val Muscato Stadium continues to be a great family activity.

The opening and maintenance of Yardley Rink due to the great effort of the Easton Lions Club, particularly Mr. Ken Wood, was extraordinarily beneficial to hundreds of youngsters.

A relatively new program, The "Over-30 Men's Basketball League" conducted on Sunday evenings at Oliver Ames High School proved to be a tremendous success serving close to 100 adult men. Special kudos to Program Director John Annand who established an outstanding program, based upon a community need and a vision.

Mark Peterson entered his 10th season conducting the co-ed Adult Volleyball Program. Under his stewardship the league has been professionally conducted and remains quite popular serving over 150 players.

In December the Senior Citizen trip to Edaville Railroad was successful, as was a youth trip to the woman's basketball game at Brown University vs. the University of Pennsylvania.

Another significant event that occurred this year was the resignation of Mr. Donald Edmonston as Recreation Director. Don's exemplary service as Director, and previously as a Commission Member, is noteworthy and the Town expresses both its gratitude for his contributions and wishes him good luck as he pursues private business opportunities.

The Town pool served many residents via recreational swimming, lessons and related activities. Vigorous efforts are underway in determining what best options the Town can pursue in making the existing facility better in terms of operations, offerings and finances.

During the final months of the year the ERC established as a priority the procurement and development of open space to meet the present and future needs of active recreation.

The growing needs of youth activities, coupled with the loss of recreational fields due to new school construction has established a critical need for outdoor and indoor venues. The substantial and welcomed growth of woman's sports during the last 20 years has placed exponential demand on limited resources.

It is within that challenge that the Director met with various parties, most notably representatives from the Conservation Commission, in examining remaining land parcels for suitability in the development of future facilities. Working with the Counsel on Aging, the feasibility of a combined Senior/Recreation Center is also being examined. As of this writing, the enormous possibilities of the recently enacted Community Preservation Act are also being studied as a possible avenue for land procurement and facility development.

Looking forward to 2001 the ERC remains committed to the expansion of the department and is enthusiastic over an array of new program offerings under perusal.

The ERC desires to thank the substantial army of volunteers that contributed to the success of the past year, and additionally extends its gratitude to the Easton School system for its assistance in providing facility space for recreation. Particular appreciation in this regard is extended to Mr. James Mitchell, Director of Athletics and Dr. William Simmons, Supt. of Schools.

We would be remiss without thanking Stonehill College and the Southeastern Regional School system for its critical role in serving our young people.

Special thanks to our Secretary Linda Howard for all of her efforts on behalf of Recreation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Creighton G. Muscato
Recreation Director

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2000, the Council on Aging reached out to the 3,000 elderly residents of Easton through our monthly newsletter that was mailed or delivered to each elderly household, through our internet website, and through articles in the local newspapers. In addition to mailing the newsletter, the Council provided direct service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Council on Aging programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit, Dial-a-Bat service, for transportation to Boston area medical appointments.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave monthly nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice monthly clinics and we were able to hold hearing screening and minor hearing-aid repair clinics once a month. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening and cookout that took place in May during Senior Citizens Month and for donating two additional Magni-Cam video magnifiers to the Council for use by our elderly residents. We were also able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, walking club, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace and for the bus trips they sponsored for our elderly residents.

Our new volunteer coordinator recruited volunteers to help with a variety of programs including an intergeneration program with students at the Olmstead School. He arranged in-service training for volunteers and held volunteer recognition luncheons. We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly.

Children from Moreau Hall Elementary School continued to make beautifully decorated place mats for monthly luncheon celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of those celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies, which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Churchill, taught our senior citizens how to use computers and the Internet. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach coordinator made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards.

We would like to thank the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Council on Aging programs, but we realize that the time has come to move forward in the planning and development of a Senior Center to serve the 3000 elderly residents of Easton. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs and look forward to working with town officials and community members as we strive to meet the needs of our elderly residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Spillane, Chairman
Phyllis Kiessling, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
Marie Healey
Ethel Pomerleau
Nicolina Previti
Christine Quinn
Dolores Kent, Director

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Easton,

It was a pleasure to welcome John Howard to our Commission.

We are working on repairing and replacement of monuments at the Lt. John Williams Cemetery. Seven monuments were replaced and another one was engraved.

Thanks to Richard Hayes and his crew for cleaning and mowing all the Town cemeteries.

The wall at the Center Street Cemetery was rebuilt, many thanks to Manny Mendonca and his helpers.

We purchased one hundred veteran markers.

With the help of the Veterans Organizations, and Town Clerks Office we are making great progress in following up on the Veterans buried in our Easton Cemeteries.

We express our thanks to all Town officials, and the citizens of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Chairman

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton;

The Committee held the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2000, at the Guidance Office of the Oliver Ames High School, to evaluate the applications for scholarships.

On the even numbered years, awards are made to students attending a vocational school or are pursuing a course of study that requires special books, tools and other supplies. The year 2000 recipients were:

CRYSTAL MURPHY, who will be attending the LeBaron School of Cosmetology
MELISSA WILBUR, who will be attending Westfield State College
CORNI SANTOS, who will be attending New York University

The 1997 and 1999 Scholarship Awards to Nipha Saeteng, attending Simmons College and Angela Santos, attending Boston University, will be continuing.

We extend our thanks and best wishes to Birute Silvia who has provided the Committee with the advice needed to fulfill its mandates. Bea always welcomed us with a smile, assisting us in our deliberations and assuring us that we had made the proper choices. We are going to miss Bea and look with pleasure to the participation of Bill Sullivan, this year and in the future. Good luck to both Bea and Bill.

The scholarships are funded from the interest generated by the principal sum of the fund and contributions made to the fund allow for an increase in the number or the amounts of the awards. Annual contributions have been received, in honor of our Veterans and for the benefit of the students of Oliver Ames High School, for which we are grateful.

Thank you to the members of the Committee and congratulations to our recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hurley, Chairman
John Melin
Robert McLaughlin
Chairman, School Committee
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Commander, American Legion

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ames Free Library – Easton's Public Library continues to expand its services to meet the education, information, recreation, and research needs of all the town's residents. Over fifty percent of the town's population are current borrowers. While most residents visit the library in person, many request materials and information via the Internet. Materials from the town's two libraries as well as sixty three other libraries can be reserved from home computers. A resident only needs a current library card to access this system.

Residents who do not feel comfortable using the computer can come to the library for a "one on one" tutorial. Three hundred and eighty two people took advantage of this training during the past year.

Children's story hours continue at both locations. There are two story hours per week for very young children, and one story hour per week for older children, and one craft story hour for older children. In addition, the Stonehill College Enrichment Fund has made possible five special programs throughout the year with magicians, storytellers, and puppeteers. Nine hundred seventy-nine children participated in these programs.

A highlight of the year was the "Fanny Holt Ames Captains Dinner" to celebrate the publication of Mrs. Ames' travel diaries. A benefactor of the library's children's wing and children's library services, Mrs. Ames traveled extensively every year for twenty years. She recorded her travels and thoughts on the places visited every day in diaries. These diaries were compiled along with photographs into a "journal" by the library and published. This publication gives the residents of Easton some insight into Mrs. Ames' life.

The library building project is moving ahead, although slowly. A construction contract was signed in June and construction survey work was completed. Some demolition work was done. Fred Ames (a non-resident) and ten town residents are opposing the project on environmental grounds, having failed to halt the project as historical grounds. This opposition has delayed the start of some of the construction but will not stop the project. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has granted an extension so that the objections can be met and overcome.

In spite of the archaic systems in the Richardson building, the staff continues to provide first class friendly service at both locations. With remote databases provided by the SAILS network and the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System, almost any information anyone might want can be obtained almost instantly. Residents can request items from their home computers that may be located anywhere in the SAILS network with two to three day delivery service. A new network system, SIRSI installed in late August, will give residents access to more items and information in the future.

Our year has been full and exciting. It could not have been successful without the assistance of all the other Department Heads, the Town Administrator, the Assistant Town Administrator, the Selectmen and especially the members of the Library's Board of Directors. We thank them all very much.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalee Bundy
Executive Director

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2000, together with an estimate of the 2001 income. The estimate for the 2001 income is based on the amounts which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have been made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton. Nor does it take into consideration any reductions in dividends which might be made by the various companies.

	Book Value	12/31/00 Market Value	2000 Income Paid to Town	2001 Estimate Income to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$5,723,066.08	$170,445.53	$130,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	154,152.43	240,639.73	6,365.65	5,000.00
Schools Fund	3,070,042.87	4,787,427.08	161,267.02	120,000.00

Detailed accounts for the three funds for the year ended December 31, 2000 will be provided shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCOME		
Investment income		
William Hadwen Ames Trust		
Hobart Ames Trust		
Oakes Angier Ames Trust	3,443.00	
Investments	35,000.00	
Sub-total	$38,443.00	
Operating income		
Rentals	20,050.00	
OAMHA Development Assoc.	10,450.00	
Sub-total	$30,500.00	
Other income		
Mass. Historic Commission grant	29,000.00	
Music Series	43,283.00	
Brockton Credit Union	1,159.00	
Sub-total	$ 44,471.00	
Total Income		**$113,414.00**
EXPENSES		
Operating expenses		
Rental deposit returns	4,050.00	
Utilities :	3,376.00	
Gas,Telephone, Electric,Oil, Water		
Salaries :	6,430.00	
Rental Agent, Custodians, Sec.,Treasurer		
Sprinkler system maintenance	281.00	
Furnace repairs	1,587.00	
Insurance	545.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,000.00	
Development Assoc,(Holiday Dance)	10,600.00	
Sub-total	$28,869.00	
Capital expenses		
Window scraping, misc. wall painting	9,862.00	
Window repair	11,040.00	
Architectural fees	4,371.00	
Handicapped bathroom	9,845.00	
Stage spotlights (5)	6,271.00	
Brownstone repair study	6,376.00	
Sub-total	$47,771.00	
Other expenses		
Music Series	43,416.00	
Sub-total	$43,416.00	
Total Expense		**$120,056.00**
Net Income (deficit)		**($ 6,642.00)**

Although our annual budget numbers are down appreciably from last year's $251,532.00, much work was done in completing work started last year on the window restoration project and also on finishing the first floor handicapped bathroom. The tow downstairs halls have been painted and several first floor windows have had the paint removed and their original stained wood surface restored. Additionally five stage spotlights were added to the upstairs hall ceiling for Music Series lighting. The brownstone study is scheduled to be completed this spring and the trustees plan to act as soon as possible. The Music Series continues to be popular and we look forward to another successful season in 2001 and again the trustees wish to thank town residents for their support of the Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2000.

Old colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; an Economic Development District by the U. S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning district. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed a Regional Policy Plan for the planning district that serves as a guide to municipal officials in directing local planning efforts and can be used to determine consistency of developments under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The OCPC Plan is also entirely consistent with the growth development strategies of the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 program as expressed in the publication, "An Agenda for the Future." The Vision 2020 program is an initiative including 51 communities in Southeastern Massachusetts formed to address uncontrolled sprawl, promote a high quality of life, more efficient use of public resources, and enhancing private investment opportunities. This year, the Council also assumed responsibility for working with the Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless.

The OCPC policy body is made up of one delegate and one alternate member representing each of the fifteen member communities of the Council and one delegate member elected at large to represent the interests of the minority community. The Council members establish policy, develop and approve the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2000, the Council reelected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane Executive Director and Pasquale Ciaramella Assistant Director head the staff of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who serve as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee chair Stephen Baker; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee chair Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chair Phyllis Hancock for their leadership during the year. The Council also recognized the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Marie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton. The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 2000.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committees, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 2000, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of program and services:

*Multi-Purpose Senior Center Services
*Mental Health Services
*Services for Disabled Elders
*Legal Services
*Nutrition Education and Counseling
*Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
*Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
*Outreach
*Personal Care & Respite
*Transportation
*Emergency Intervention Service
*Senior Aide Employment Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members for each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs in the region, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee funding awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Committee chairwoman Phyllis Hancock of Brockton and Vice-Chairwoman Josephine Hatch of Pembroke for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton

The Committee was formed in 1999 to oversee a study for the wastewater needs of the Town and to make recommendations to address identified problems. This year, the WMSC prepared a "Request for Qualifications" for potential engineering firms, reviewed 12 submittals, interviewed the top applicants and selected the firm to prepare a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) under the State Revolving Fund program. The SRF application was reviewed and submitted to DEP in September followed by a preliminary contract for the CWM planning services. DEP was reviewing all submittals as of year-end and, upon approval, it is expected that the 12-15 month CWM planning phase will begin during the first half of 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Margulies, Chairman
Mary Ellen Radovanic, Vice Chairman
Ronald Lawson, Secretary
Mark Bartlett
Kenneth Carlson
Daniel M. Crane
Robert Kane
George Sherback

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton,

The Flyaway Pond Restoration Committee was formed for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of, and developing plans and specifications for the restoration of Flyaway Pond. Our efforts this year focused on the completion of the Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") for this project. In our previous annual report, we indicated that the ENF was nearly complete. However, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs revised the format of the ENF application in late 1999. This format change required the information on our original application to be transferred onto the new form. Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. ("Baystate") again assisted the Committee in the effort to complete this new document for submittal. The ENF compares and evaluates five alternatives for the restoration of the pond, which discusses; achievement of design goals, costs, and likelihood of approval. These alternatives ranged from the "do-nothing" approach to the full restoration of Flyaway Pond.

The Committee continues to favor a design alternative that would restore a majority of the pond, has the highest possibility of success, and involves the lowest estimated cost of the alternatives reviewed. As of this writing, the Committee reports that informational responses from regulatory agencies have been received for inclusion in the ENF. Following completion of the application, the Committee desires to submit the ENF early in the year 2001to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") guidelines.

During this past year, two members regrettably resigned from the Committee. John Kent and John Webby were valued assets to the Committee. Speaking for the entire Committee, I thank Mr. Kent and Mr. Webby for their enthusiasm, positive energy and dedicated service as members.

The Flyaway Pond Restoration Committee acknowledges and wishes to thank the staff of the Town Administrator's Office for all their assistance; Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc.; Mr. Wayne Southworth, for assisting the Committee with a meeting place; and finally, the members of the Easton Conservation Commission and the Easton Board of Selectmen for all their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan D. Roscoe, P.E., Chairman
Phil Barske, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Paul A. Marino, Clerk
Barry DunKley
Paul Fruzzetti

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The contribution of this committee, combined with adequate funding for building maintenance and the professional expertise of staff and consultants, should yield dramatic improvements to the Town's buildings over the coming years.

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee were designated as: to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings, to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

The committee negotiated the contract for the Board of Selectmen for the hiring of expert consulting services required to develop long term plans for all Town buildings. The firm selected was The H. L. Turner Group Inc. of Concord, New Hampshire. This firm is comprised of Architects, Engineers, Building Scientists, and Construction Managers. The Municipal Building Committee facilitated the process of preparing a ten-year overview of the needs of our schools and several of the town buildings. Currently the financial estimate is around $61 million. Town Hall and Fire Station requirements are still to be assessed and will be included in the final report.

The Municipal Building Committee has organized and facilitated the presentation of the H. L. Turner report to: the School Committee, the School Site Planning Committee, and the Board of Selectmen. Other town committees such as Capital Planning and Finance were able to have members available during these presentations.

We will continue working with the DPW Director on specific projects over $50,000 and with the Capital Planning committee on a more comprehensive process.

The Municipal Building Committee is establishing a monthly meeting schedule. The time, location and agenda are posted at Town Hall and visitors are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail D. Tuominen, Chair
Lenny Altieri
Marc Brockman
Ken Carlson
Robert Langway
Paul Mullen
Peter Yochim

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to announce that its 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family units and 101 Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

Easton residents continue to receive preference on all of our waiting lists for housing and are encouraged to apply. Senior citizens over the age of 60 and who fall within the income guidelines are eligible for state-aided elderly housing. Additionally, any person who qualifies as disabled and is unable to locate alternative housing due to their disability may also qualify for state-aided elderly housing. Please call the Authority at 508-238-4747 for additional information. The current income guidelines for state aided housing (effective 8/9/00) are as follows:

1 Person	32,300	5 People	49,850
2 People	36,950	6 People	53,500
3 People	41,550	7 People	57,250
4 People	46,150	8 People	60,950

The Federally funded Section 8 rental assistance program waiting list remains open and is accepting applications from qualified individuals and families. The Section 8 program provides a voucher to families searching for housing to assist in the monthly rental payments. This program is a wonderful opportunity for landlords to provide housing for families in need with the added incentive of guaranteed rental payments. Any landlord, owner or manager may contact our office at 508-238-4747 to receive additional information about this program.

The Authority received two grants in Fiscal Year 2000 from the Department of Housing and Community Development. The first grant authorizes the installation of central air conditioning in the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle and the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace. This work should be completed during the spring of 2001. Additionally, the Authority has received funding to paint the exterior of the buildings located at Chandler Way, a project also to be completed in the spring of 2001.

The Robert J. Keefe and Jerry Fitzgerald Community Centers have received a face lift during the year 2000, with new up to date furnishings and minor remodeling. Both centers have extensive activity throughout the year being the site of congregate meals provided by Old Colony Elderly Services, Council on Aging activities and other services provided to the towns elder population. We are extremely pleased to be able to continue to provide the community spaces to these organizations free of charge.

The Authority continues to extend its gratitude to the residents, staff and townspeople for their continued support. It is this support which enables the Authority to operate successfully and provide its residents with safe, sanitary, decent housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Crane, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner (State Appointee), Vice Chairman
June Brousseau, Treasurer
Sandra Conant, Assistant Treasurer
Michael Molloy, Member
Susan Horner, Executive Director

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

We hereby submit the following report for the year 2000 for the Easton Housing Partnership.

The Easton Housing Partnership continued to research and gather information related to Affordable Housing in 2000.

Our final draft of Easton's Affordable Housing Plan is being reviewed and updated to assure the Town of Easton is equipped with the most accurate facts as applications are filed. We are currently assessing different options in order to achieve our committee goals.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Secretary, Lee Harney, for her dedicated and loyal support throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Tabaie, Vice-Chair
Philip Barske, Member
Scott Bamford, Member
John Horan, Member
Stephen Freitas, Resource Person

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council had two major goals for the year 2000, first , having the Department of Environmental Protection (DEM) complete a new underground electrical service into the Mansion and the maintenance garage at Borderland State Park. This project was started in the summer but was held up by the telephone company mergers during the fall. Completion should be in early 2001 as the poles were installed in December. The other important goal was the replacement of the Mansion roof, which was leaking badly and causing interior damage. The DEM, with help from local legislators secured funds and solicited bids for the replacement of the roof. The Council wrote letters to Commissioner Webber of the DEM, Director Fredrick of Forest and Parks and Senators and Representatives in the surrounding area asking that the project be funded and contracted out. A contract was awarded in October. The Mansion roof work will be completed in the first quarter of 2001, weather permitting.

The DEM had a new Title V septic system installed at the Visitors Center during the summer of 2000 to better serve the future need of park visitors. This brings the septic system into compliance with the latest environmental standards established by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The attendance at the Park still increases each year with the Visitors Center becoming more popular as a place to hold teaching sessions and discussion groups. Attendance figures will be more accurate in the future, as the Council has helped to obtain vehicle counters for the main park entrance.

The Friends of Borderland and the Park interpreter put together a full schedule of walks and talks at little or no cost to park visitors at a time when most parks are charging admission fees for the same.

The Council members do appreciate the support from the local government officials, the Easton Garden Club, the Easton Historical Society and the Friends of Borderland.

Townspeople are encouraged to share their comments with the Advisory Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Hocking Jr., Chairman (Foxboro)
John J. Kent, Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 2000 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-one years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

Spring and Summer Larviciding – To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment – To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program – To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number – a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management – A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The Spring 2000 mosquito season was far from normal due to the media hype on West Nile Virus. Many of the news articles were inaccurate which caused a great deal of confusion with the public.

We started getting calls in early spring from residents requesting larval treatments of everything from small woodland pools to rivers, ponds, lakes and streams. Many people thought that all wet areas should be treated to prevent West Nile Virus, not realizing that mosquitos only breed in shallow stagnant water. This was before anyone knew if the West Nile Virus would even appear in this state.

Once the adult mosquitos were on the wing it got even worse, as we were receiving more calls each day than we could spray in a week. Some of the callers didn't have any mosquitos but thought that spraying would prevent the virus from appearing in their area. When the first birds started to test positive for the WNV, the demand for spraying increased even more. We received and serviced 4,598 calls this year compared to 1,656 in the 1999 season.

The Project was involved with an extensive mosquito surveillance program this year to assess mosquito species their numbers. We were continually moving and setting various types of mosquito traps throughout Bristol County. Our mosquito collections were sent to the State Virus Lab to be tested for both the WNV and EEE.

During the mosquito season we spent approximately eight weeks studying catch basins to gather information on their involvement in breeding and the spread of the West Nile Virus. We also tested several insecticides to determine which product worked the best. We found the most effective biological larvicide for catch basin control to be Vectolex WDG. Our studies showed total control within 24 hours of

treatment, which lasted for 21 days. The one disadvantage is that this means more than one treatment per basin per season.

Although both the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis were present this year, there were no human cases with either virus in Bristol County.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 6,912 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 15.32 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

It is hard to make any predictions at this time as to what will happen next year concerning the West Nile Virus. We know that it is present in Massachusetts and could very well be more prevalent next year. Hopefully some of the information that we gathered this year will allow us to be more prepared for whatever comes our way in 2001. If there are any questions or concerns regarding West Nile virus and how it might impact the cities and towns of Bristol County next year, please feel free to contact our office.

Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The year 2000 began with the preparation of a grant application that was filed in February on behalf of the Boards of Health of the City of Taunton and Towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham and Stoughton with the Department of Public Health to secure funding under the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. Our application was successful and we have secured funding for the next four years for a collaborative Board of Health Tobacco Control Program that SERSG will administer for the five municipalities.

In May and June, the Town Meetings of Foxborough, Sharon and Easton adopted a Right-of-Way By-Law which was researched and drafted by the SERSG Regional Administrator. This By-Law establishes a comprehensive regulatory scheme to manage the public ways in these towns and protect the taxpayer's investment in their public infrastructure. The By-Law is prospective in its application, but requires that all entities that wish to locate a facility in the public way must first apply for a permit from the town. The By-Law establishes a formula for determining a reasonable rental, an application procedure, conditions of the permit, construction requirements and a license agreement to be signed by the applicant of the town. The By-Law assures that the Town can collect rental payments from private companies that wish to use public ways in order to make a profit for their business.

Cooperative Invitations for Bids were prepared for member municipalities in April for DPW Supplies and in October for DPW Services. These cooperative procurements resulted once again in significant savings for SERSG cities and towns.

In October SERSG sponsored a Public Liability Workshop for members of permit-granting boards such as Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Boards of Health and Zoning Boards of Appeals. The Workshop was held at the Howard School in West Bridgewater. The first presentation focused on how public officials should discharge their duties. It covered topics such as scope of authority, exercising your discretion, procedural due process and the mechanics of decision-making, creating a proper record of Board decisions and enforcement of those decisions. The second part of the evening covered the topic of sovereign immunity, the public duty rule and civil rights violations. Fifty-eight individuals attended our workshop.

The Southeastern Regional Services Group looks forward to continuing its mission of providing procurement services, researching and analyzing issues of common municipal concern and administering grants for its seventeen member municipalities. As we begin our eighth year of service, we are pleased with the on-going support of our Board of Directors and the achievements that we have made together.

Catherine Salisbury, SERSG Regional Administrator

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON
CALENDAR YEAR 2000

BIRTHS

Males	128	242 Single Births
Females	126	6 Sets of Twins
Total Births	254	254 Children

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	45
Marriages in Other MA Towns	62
Total Marriages Recorded	107

RESIDENCE OF BRIDES & GROOMS:

Both Residents of Easton	65
One Easton, One Other MA Town	15
One Easton, One Out of State	2
Both Out of State	11
Both Other MA Towns	12
One Other MA Town, One Out of State	2
Totals	107

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	70
Residents who died out of Easton	70
Non-Residents who died in Easton	23
Total Deaths Recorded	163

TYPE OF FACILITY:

Hospital	51
Nursing Home	66
Residence	38
Other	8
Total	163

BY AGE & GENDER:

Ages	F	M	T
0-19	0	0	0
20-49	6	7	13
50-59	7	14	21
60-69	6	11	17
70-79	15	17	32
80-89	27	26	53
90-99	16	11	27
Totals	77	86	163

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

PCT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN PARTY USA	INTER 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	SOCIALIST	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
At the close of Registration February 16, 2000 for the Presidential Primary on March 7, 2000									
1	601		3	2	1	519		1213	2339
2A	97		1	1		133	1	283	516
2B	446			6		369	-	831	1652
3	524		2	4	4	364	-	1049	1947
4	550		3	5	2	445		1203	2208
5	572		2	2	4	427		1266	2273
6	525		4	7	1	385		1119	2041
Total	3315	0	15	27	12	2642	1	6964	12976
At the close of Registration February 18, 2000 for the Special Town Meeting on February 28, 2000									
1	601		3	2	1	520		1212	2339
2A	97		1	1		133	1	283	516
2B	447			6		369		833	1655
3	524		2	4	4	364		1051	1949
4	548		3	5	2	446		1201	2205
5	573		2	2	4	426		1268	2275
6	524		4	7	1	385		1114	2035
Total	3314	0	15	27	12	2643	1	6962	12974
At the close of Registration March 21, 2000 for Annual Town Meeting April 10, 2000 & Annual Town Election April 24, 2000									
1	605		3	4	1	520		1226	2359
2A	98		1	1		133	1	286	520
2B	452			6		373		844	1675
3	534		2	4	4	368		1073	1985
4	553		3	5	2	449		1214	2226
5	584		2	2	4	431		1285	2308
6	524		4	7	1	388		1129	2053
Total	3350	0	15	29	12	2662	1	7057	13126

At the close of Registration June 2, 2000 for Special Town Meeting June 12, 2000

1	612		2	4	1	533		1280	2432
2A	98		1	1		135	1	291	527
2B	459			5		388		860	1712
3	566		2	9	4	388		1131	2100
4	576		3	7	2	464		1242	2294
5	597		2	2	4	439		1322	2366
6	534		3	6	1	404		1173	2121
Total	3442	0	13	34	12	2751	1	7299	13552

At the close of Registration August 28, 2000 for Special Town Meeting September 5, 2000

1	620		3	7	1	524		1266	2421
2A	100		2	1		135	1	296	535
2B	452			8		377		855	1692
3	548		2	10	4	376		1120	2060
4	572		2	9	3	456		1242	2284
5	609		2	2	4	433		1313	2363
6	534		4	9	1	400		1160	2108
Total	3435	0	15	46	13	2701	1	7252	13463

At the close of Registration August 30, 2000 for State Primary, September 19, 2000

1	627		3	7	1	533		1290	2461
2A	99		2	1		135	1	301	539
2B	461			8		382		863	1714
3	564		2	9	4	380		1143	2102
4	582		3	7	3	461		1264	2320
5	610		2	2	4	442		1340	2400
6	547		4	8	1	409		1193	2162
Total	3490	0	16	42	13	2742	1	7394	13698

At the close of Registration September 14, 2000 for Recall Election October 4, 2000

1	625		3	7	1	536		1285	2457
2A	102		2	2		136	1	303	546
2B	459			8		382		869	1718
3	561		2	10	4	379		1142	2098
4	581		3	7	3	463		1271	2328
5	613		2	2	4	439		1340	2400
6	547		4	8	1	409		1187	2156
Total	3488	0	16	44	13	2744	1	7397	13703

At the close of Registration October 20, 2000 for Special Town Meeting October 30, 2000

1	668		3	10	1	550		1431	2663
2A	105		2	2		140	1	308	558
2B	465			8		380		885	1738
3	571		2	11	4	388		1179	2155
4	593	2	2	10	3	465		1305	2380
5	641	1	2	3	4	447		1361	2459
6	553		4	10	1	415		1210	2193
Total	3596	3	15	54	13	2785	1	7679	14146

At the close of Registration October 18, 2000 for State Election November 7, 2000

1	667		3	10	1	551		1431	2663
2A	105		2	2		140	1	308	558
2B	466			8		383		885	1742
3	571		2	11	4	388		1180	2156
4	593	2	2	10	3	465		1306	2381
5	641	1	2	3	4	447		1361	2459
6	553		4	10	1	415		1214	2197
Total	3596	3	15	54	13	2789	1	7685	14156

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Fleury, Chairman
Jean H. Cote
Jean M. Kent
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 1999 TO JUNE 2000

Birth Certificates	417	$	6.00	$	2,502.00
Death Certificates	619	$	6.00	$	3,714.00
Marriage Certificates	243	$	6.00	$	1,458.00
Birth Certificates	246	$	5.00	$	1,230.00
Death Certificates	14	$	5.00	$	70.00
Marriage Certificates	18	$	5.00	$	90.00
Correction of Death	0	$	15.00	$	-
Marriage Intentions	118	$	20.00	$	2,360.00
Voter I.D. Cards	7	$	6.00	$	42.00
Business Certificates	200	$	25.00	$	5,000.00
Business Discontinuances	10	$	15.00	$	150.00
Financing Statements	400	$	15.00	$	6,000.00
Financing Releases	64	$	10.00	$	640.00
Sale of Street lists				$	949.00
Recording Pole Locations				$	160.00
Copies, Etc				$	1,294.60
Raffle Permits	4		$15.00	$	60.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists				$	357.70
Duplicate Dog Tags	9	$	3.00	$	27.00
Interest				$	-
Board of Appeals Filing Fees				$	7,200.00
Declaration of Homestead				$	15.00
Sale of Fishing Holders				$	8.75
Transfer Dog License				$	9.00
Search Fees				$	135.00
Misc.				$	148.38
Oil Storage				$	182.00
Total Town Clerk Fees				$	33,802.43
Sporting License Fees				$	489.95
Total Paid to Town Treasurer				$	34,292.38

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1999 TO JUNE 2000

ISSUED JULY 1, 1999 TO JULY 2000 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
	1999 (JULY TO APRIL)		
127		$10.00	$1,270.00
51	Males	$15.00	$765.00
160	Spayed Females	$10.00	$1,600.00
27	Females	$15.00	$405.00
0	Kennel License	$25.00	$0.00
0	Kennel License	$50.00	$0.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$3.00	$0.00
365	Total Licenses		$4,040.00
119	Late Fees	$ 25.00	$2,975.00
	Collected		$7,015.00
	2000 (March to June)		
620	Neutered Males	$ 10.00	$6,200.00
153	Males	$ 15.00	$2,295.00
770	Spayed Females	$ 10.00	$7,700.00
63	Females	$ 15.00	$945.00
2	Kennel	$ 25.00	$50.00
1	Kennel	$ 50.00	$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	$ 3.00	$ -
1609	Total Licenses		$17,240.00
0	Late Fees	$25.00	$0.00
	Collected		$17,240.00
1974	Total Licenses Collected		$21,280.00
119	Total Late Fees		$2,975.00
	Total Funds Collected		$24,255.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer		$ 24,255.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1994	1744
1995	1778
1996	1710
1997	1889
1998	2270
1999	2221

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1999 TO JUNE 2000

#ISSUED	LICENSE	FEE	Total
162	Resident Fishing	$23.50	$3,807.00
7	Resident Minor Fishing	$7.50	$52.50
14	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	$12.25	$171.50
29	Resident Fishing Handicapped	$0.00	$0.00
3	Non-resident Fishing	$33.50	$100.50
0	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	$19.50	$0.00
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	$7.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping	$31.50	$31.50
0	Resident Trapping Minor	$7.50	$0.00
1	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	$16.25	$16.25
2	Duplicate Fishing	$2.50	$5.00
0	Duplicate Trapping		
	Adjusted Dup. Fishing for June 2000		$0.50
219	Total Fishing Licenses		$4,184.75
48	Resident Hunting	$23.50	$1,128.00
4	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	$12.25	$49.00
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	$ -	$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	$22.50	$0.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	$95.50	$95.50
1	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	$61.50	$61.50
0	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	$7.50	$0.00
70	Resident Sporting	$41.00	$2,870.00
5	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	$21.00	$105.00
46	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	$ -	$ -
0	Duplicate Hunting	$2.00	$0.00
0	Duplicate Sporting	$2.00	$ -
175	Total Sporting Licenses		$4,309.00
55	Archery Stamps	$5.10	$280.50
23	Waterfowl Stamps	$5.00	$115.00
32	Primitive Firearms Stamp	$5.10	$163.20
311	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Residents)	$5.00	$1,555.00
4	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Residents)	$5.00	$20.00
425	Total Stamps Issued		$2,133.70
394	Total Licenses Issued		$8,493.75
819	Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		$10,627.45
317	Fees Deducted	$1.50	$475.50

23	Fees Deducted	$0.25	$5.75
87	Fees Deducted	$0.10	$8.70
427	Total Fees Deducted		$489.95
	Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife		$10,137.50

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)		1993	1432
(Licenses and Stamps)		1994	1341
(Licenses and Stamps)		1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps)	(First 6 Months)	1996	805
(Licenses and Stamps)		1997	950
Licenses and Stamps)		1998	895

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 2000 for your review.

Operations

Deputy Chief Norman McNeill, Operations Chief, reports that there were a total of 3330 incidents responded to by the department in 2000, for fire, emergency or other related problems. This is an increase of 484 more runs than last year. There were fires in 30 structures, 47 wildland and brushfires and 49 other types of fires. There were 6,604 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 2000. I am pleased to report that in 2000 none of our citizens lost their lives, or were injured due to fire. Estimated property loss for all 2000 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to $788,350.00, a increase in loss of $636,425.00 from last year. There were three fires that resulted in large property losses. A fire at the old Motel 138 resulted in a $250,000.00 loss, and two separate fires at the Amcast Foundry resulted in losses of $150,000.00 and $200,000.00 respectively. Two (2) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 2000, down by eight from last year.

In 2000 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render to, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. The department responded to 501 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 16 spill or fire incidents involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1662 emergency medical responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year, an increase of 208 responses over last year. These responses resulted in the transport of 930 persons to local hospitals. The Easton Fire Department employs Advanced Life Support trained personnel to a total of eight (8) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (7) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 19 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

All fire stations remained open during the year.

Using our dispatch software, Firefighter James Tully has generated a number of different reports, providing us with some interesting statistics. For example, we have found that in 2000, more calls for service occurred during weekdays than on weekends and that the busiest day was Friday. More calls occurred between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. than at any other time of the day, with 10 - 11 a.m. being the busiest hour.

Another interesting statistic derived from the new dispatch software was the response time of our fire apparatus from the time of the call to arrival at the scene of the emergency. The majority of calls were responded to between 2 and 7 minutes. Most of the time the apparatus arrived on scene in 4 minutes.

Because of the amount of medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents in Town, the busiest piece of apparatus in the Fire Department continues to be the Ambulance, followed by the Fire engines at Station 2, Depot Street, and Station 3, Bay road respectively.

The busiest Fire Station in Town is the Depot Street Station, #2, due to its close proximity to Washington Street (Rte 138), a North-South connector and Depot Street (rte 123), an East-West connector. The majority of Easton's businesses and multiple unit housing rests in Station 2's response district. Station 2 responded to 1291 calls in 2000, 214 more calls than Station 1, Lothrop Street, and 513 more than Station 3, Bay Road.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. The Training Officer, Captain James Walsh set up many required training programs during the year which provided members with individual skills development and promoted team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm

The Fire Alarm Division, under Captain Thomas Stone, continued to update the fire alarm system in 2000. The major fire alarm project for 2000 was the "Main Street Reconstruction" project. Over 12,000 ft. of new fire alarm wire was installed along with new pole hardware on Main Street from the "Rockery" area to Washington Street All the old wire and hardware was removed.

New hard wire street boxes were added to the Strawberry Fields Development (Penny Lane & Abbey Road), the Rockland Bay Estates Development, (Fairfield Drive at Quarry Lane & at Flint Lane), the Old Country Way Development (Robin Lane & Christina Drive), the Andrews Farm Development (Andrews Farm Drive & Old Post Road) the Canoe River Estates (Canoe River Road & Sandstone Drive). Single Street boxes were also installed on Valley Terrace, Dolly's Way, and at Dean Street & Summerfield Lane. These developments were approved by the fire department prior to the installation of our radio box alarm system. Developments approved from July 2000 are required to install radio fire alarm boxes.

Nine (9) new Radio Master Boxes were installed at the following locations: Creative Homes, 187 Washington Street, Easton Country Club, 261 Purchase Street, Peoples Savings Bank , 73 Belmont Street, Teamsters Office, 4 Hampden Drive, Delta Services , 7 Plymouth Drive, Maplewood Swim & Tennis Club, 150 Foundry Street, Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street, O'Hara Hall Dormitory, Stonehill College, and the New Dormitory, Stonehill College.

Three (3) new Radio Street Boxes were installed , one at Avis Circle and two (2) at Camelot Estates II.

The new Radio Fire Alarm receiver system installation was completed at the Central Fire Station. The old hard wire system was combined with and programmed into the new system. I will again included a request in the FY02 capitol budget for the purchase of 8 radio boxes to upgrade our Town owned buildings to this new technology.

Many volunteer hours were spent by Captain Stone assisting the "275 Anniversary Celebration Committee" with the hanging of decorative banners throughout town.

The fire alarm system continues to be budgeted and successfully funded through a Fire Alarm Offset Receipt Account.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The highly successful Safety Awareness & Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program is now in its sixth year. Health Educator Kathy Kelly along with principals, teachers and students in the Easton School Department continue to be very receptive to this program. This program is funded by a line item in the Fire Department budget as well as a $4,541.82 grant from the State's Department of Public Safety. It allows local fire departments to place a firefighter into the schools throughout the year teaching fire and life safety. Important fire safety lessons designed for each grade level (K-6) are taken right into the classroom and are presented in an effective interactive style impacting over 2000 Easton students.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, and Lawrence Blye have built their S.A.F.E. program around 5 core subjects: 1. Smoke Detectors in the homes, 2. Exit Drills in the home, 3. Stop, Drop and Roll method of extinguishing a clothing fire , 4. How to dial 911 and give the operator vital information, 5. Responsible behavior around fire products . These S.A.F.E. instructors also conduct ice safety presentations to Easton students every 2 years. The program instructors will now be assuming the responsibility of conducting and evaluating all school fire drills on a regular basis.

The highlight of October is our annual Open House during Fire Prevention Week. Well over 3000 Town's people visited the Lothrop Street Fire Station on a beautiful Saturday in October and

viewed displays dealing with fire safety, fire prevention, rescue and medical equipment and other fire service tools. All of the Fire Department's apparatus was on display outside the station, along with the State's Hazardous Materials Response Unit. Citizens also viewed an auto extrication demonstration using hydraulic rescue tools. A fun and informative day was had by all those who attended. Refreshments were donated by many of the community's businesses, most notably Papa Gino's Pizza. I would like to thank all of the Easton Firefighters and their families for assisting us in making the day a success.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department web page can be accessed through the Internet address of http://www.eastonfire.com. On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at pblye@easton.ma.us. Firefighter Jeffrey Webster created and manages the Home Page for our Department.

Captain John Howard, Fire Prevention Officer, and on-duty firefighters provided fire extinguisher training for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses and Town employees in the year 2000.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Howard conducted fire inspections as required by State Law. Sixteen (16) Public School buildings and two (2) nursing homes were inspected on a quarterly year basis as were thirty-two (32) buildings at Stonehill College. Stonehill College built a new dormitory and did major renovations to four (4) existing buildings this year. Captain Howard, along with the Building Inspector Mark Trivet continually monitored the construction to ensure compliance with Fire and Life Safety Codes. Over 450 permits, plan reviews and acceptance tests were granted, performed or conducted.

Apparatus

In the spring of 2000 the Department purchased a new ambulance as part of our continuing replacement plan. This purchase was entirely funded by ambulance user fees collected over a three year period. By replacing ambulances every 3 years, we ensure that we will have a dependable vehicle to transport citizens to the Hospital during their time of need.

Because the Town has not funded a Capitol Budget in the last few years, and most of all, not followed a replacement plan for items like Fire Apparatus, the Fire Department as well as other Town departments, are working with outdated equipment that requires constant maintenance and is undependable.

This Town needs to have 3 decent "Front Line" pumping engines. For the last 8 years that I have been Chief, my 5 year Capitol Budget emphasized a replacement plan based on the purchase of a new "Front Line" pumper every 5 years. This would have ensured that the Town would not have a truck in the Front Line older than 15 years, and reserve trucks not older than 30 years.

Our Fire Department mechanics, Deputy Chief Ted McNeill, Firefighters Jim Tully and Larry Blye are good, but not miracle workers. In 2000, the Easton Fire Department response volume increased by 17% over 1999. As our population increases, our runs are increasing. More "runs"

translates to increased wear and tear on our fire apparatus.

We cannot provide the same level of excellent service that the citizens of Easton have become to expect of the Fire Department if we do not have the proper functioning equipment.

Communications

Our 400 MHz radio communications system that was purchased in 1999 is now up and working. Installed in all Fire Stations and fire vehicles, the system provides the Department with improved communications. Each firefighter has his own portable radio which enables him to directly call his Fire Officer or the station to report emergency conditions at a scene. This provides a higher level of safety to our personnel who perform very hazardous tasks.

In the Fall of 2000, satellite receivers for both the Fire and Police Department were installed in the "5 Corners" area of town to eliminate any "no communications zones". The new 190-foot telecommunications tower at the rear of the Fire/Police Complex on Lothrop Street has generated $1,500 in cell revenues in the last four (4) months of 2000.

Personnel

At the end of October 2000, my Executive Assistant Lillian McGranachan passed away suddenly. The unexpected loss of both a dear friend and valued employee was devastating to the Fire Department, all of it's personnel, and to me personally. Lillian had worked for the Fire Department for 17 years and was a cornerstone of our administrative office.

The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training courses in advanced fire fighting and medical techniques in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well-educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton. I would also like to thank my, and all the Fire Officers and Firefighters of this department for the assistance they provided Deputy Chief McNeill and me throughout this past year.

Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."
"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."
"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."
"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."
"Always ready, proud to serve."

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Easton Police Department

www.eastonpd.com

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 2000.

The first hour on the first day of this year was a pleasant surprise for our department. All of the preparations for the Y2K change paid off. There were no problems for our department and for the celebration of the new year of 2000.

I am pleased to report that overall most crime is continuing to decline. Our crime level continues to remain at a low level. In eight categories crime is down. Break & Entry Residences are down by 5, the lowest in over thirty years. Disturbances are down by 22.

There have been slight increases in certain areas. Arrest for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs up from 42 to 62, Missing Persons are down to 58. We have started new categories to better interpret rape, domestic violence and suicides. We now monitor Statutory Rape, Sexual Assaults, Domestic Situations and Suicide Threats.

Traffic Accidents were up by 83 and Fatalities went from 3 to 1. Although Traffic Accidents were up, most of the increases were Property Damage Accidents due to inclement weather conditions.

Personal Injury Accidents are up from 102 to 111, which is still relatively low. The continued success of low Personal Injury Accidents is due in part to our traffic enforcement, which has increased steadily over the last twelve years.

Our department is continuing to apply for, and receive, State and Federal Grants. Along with myself, Sergeant John Lynn and Detective Michael Fox prepare the volumes of paperwork involved in grant-writing. My special thanks to them.

State Community Oriented Policing Grant	$ 47,400
Two State Grants for our D.A.R.E. Program	23,500
Cops More Grant	75,000
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	5,000
D.A.R.E. Summer Camp	10,500
Federal Grant Violence Against Women	40,000
State 2000 D.A.R.E. Grant	15,000
Dunkin Donut donation for D.A.R.E.	450
State D.A.R.E. Grant Bonus	2,000
State Police Vest Grant	789

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received we are continuing our condo and mountain bike patrols. Denise Papagno was appointed as our first female Detective. Denise also conducted a Safe Sitter course. She chaired our Family Violence Task Force and our HUGS (Acronym for help us get safe) Domestic Violence program. We sponsored Teen Dating Violence Awareness programs including a production of the Yellow Dress play at the High School and Remote Control play at the Jr. High School.

We conducted our second Senior Citizen Prom in coordination with our TRIAD program, of which Bob Grinham continues to be the TRIAD Officer for our Department. Over two hundred senior citizens participated in the prom.

Dwayne Farrell retired this year. During his tenure he was our Safety Officer for the last fifteen years. He helped start the Toys for Tots program, TRIAD (Senior Citizen Program,) 55 Alive Program, and he graduated from the D.A.R.E Academy. He was instrumental in our departmental shift to Community Policing. Dwayne's accomplishments are too many to list. He was a dedicated professional Police Officer that we all will miss. The good news is that he still works for the Town of Easton coordinating the Volunteer Senior Citizen program, which is part of the Council on Aging Department.

We are continuing with our own home page on our worldwide Internet system:

www.eastonpd.com

We have continued conducting our Citizens Police Academy program. The program is presented by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has fifteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program continues to be extremely effective.

Our D.A.R.E. program is right on track. Officer George Allen finished his second year as our D.A.R.E. Officer with excellence. We also conducted our D.A.R.E. camp for the sixth year.

Deputy Allen Krajcik and Sergeant John Lynn continue to be members of the Easton Dive Team along with Kevin Paicos and members of the Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik is in charge of our accreditation program, which is making steady progress. Accreditation is a major task involving four hundred and thirty five standards.

Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. We organized several cookouts, a Christmas party and a tour of Dartmouth Prison. Elizabeth Verity, a senior citizen, continues doing volunteer work here on a regular basis. A special thanks for her assistance.

With Grant funds we established our first Honor Guard. They had the honor of marching for the first time, in this year's parade celebrating the founding of Easton 275 years ago.

We have appointed three new officers, James McAvoy (Current President of the Massachusetts D.A.R.E. Association), Charles Hopkins and Brandon Walkus. We look forward to having them on our team. Dex, our canine, graduated from drug detection school along with Officer Patrick Taylor, our Canine Officer.

Nancy Grant and Lois Welch, our secretaries, this year were faced with registering all F I D cards with new standards in one year. This was a difficult task due to the high volume of applicants and the new requirements. They continue to do an excellent job. They are respected by every member of this department and help make coming to work a pleasure.

A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

2000 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS	**12,714**

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered	3,428

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	17
Threats of Suicide	5
Rapes	1
Attempted Rapes	1
Statutory Rapes	1
Sexual Assaults	5
Robberies	4
Assault & Battery/Weapons	7
Assault & Battery	54

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	30 year low of	23
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed		62
B & E Business		18
B & E Attempts		17

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	94
Larcenies under $250	109
Larceny Attempts	2
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	21
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	0
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	15
Shoplifting	7

In Custody	305
ARRESTS	285
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	62
Protective Custody	20

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Situations	179
Domestic Violence	51
Disturbance	89
Disorderly Persons	9
Noise Complaints	178
General Service	917
Missing Persons	58
Vandalism	226
Alarms	1872
Annoying Phone Calls	89
Animal Complaints	579
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	32

ACCIDENTS	763
Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	651
Personal Injury Accidents	111

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	2,646
Pistol Permits Issued	158
F.I.D. (Firearms Identification) Cards Issued	153

Firearms I. Internal Affairs Annual Summary

This report is prepared in accordance with the Easton Police Department's policy on Internal Affairs (WDS 2000-07). The following is a summary of complaints investigated by the Officer-in-Charge of Internal Affairs. The summary is divided into two types of complaints:

1. Complaints made by individuals outside the department (external).
2. Complaints generated from within the department. (internal)

In calendar year 2000 there were ten complaints investigated by the Officer-in-Charge of Internal Affairs.

EXTERNAL: Of those ten complaints, citizens made five. Of those external complaints four of the officers who were the subject of the complaint were exonerated and one complaint was unfounded.

INTERNAL: The other five complaints were internally generated complaints against officers. Of these complaints four were sustained and one was not sustained.

Definitions:

(1) **SUSTAINED**: The complaint was valid and supported by sufficient evidence;

(2) **NOT SUSTAINED**: There was inadequate or insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the complaint;

(3) **SUSTAINED OTHER**: Sustaining of violation or misconduct other than the allegations of the original complaint.

(4) **UNFOUNDED**: The allegations were baseless and without foundation; or

(5) **EXONERATED**: The complaint was unjustified or unwarranted as the actions of the accused department employee were in compliance with law or in accordance with department policy and procedure.

POLICY FAILURE - although the action of the agency or the officer was consistent with agency policy, the complainant was wronged. Policy review will be conducted.

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It has been a busy year for us with an increase in calls. As the Town grows, more calls are being received on barking and other related problems with dogs. Calls have increased also on problems dealing with wildlife, namely deer, coyotes, and foxes. As the habitat for these animals grows smaller, more sightings of wildlife in back yards are increasing. Our Animal Control program is conducted by our two part-time Animal Control Officers, Elizabeth DeRosa and myself. Betty has been a great asset to this department, which helps tremendously with this increased demand for services. We are continuing to provide more than adequate services because of the great cooperation between us and the Police Department.

As in the past we are actively purging unlicensed dogs. By licensing our dogs we are assured that dogs are properly vaccinated for rabies. By having identification tags, dogs or cats hit by vehicles or lost can be properly identified. In the event a person is bitten or scratched, needed information is readily available. We would like to thank those responsible owners for their cooperation with the license and leash laws.

Fourteen animals were submitted to the State lab for rabies examinations, three cats, one dog, one bat, two woodchuck, four skunks, two chipmunks and one deer. We had one woodchuck that tested positive for rabies; therefore we must not let our guard down. The rabies virus is still around and active in our State. All bites and scratches by domestic and wildlife should be taken seriously, and medical attention sought immediately. We will continue to monitor for rabies, keeping the public informed.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	2873
Complaints	1006
General Information	1767
Missing Animals	222
Dogs picked up	86
Dead Animals	258

Seventy-one dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Thirteen dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Eight cats were turned over to the M.S.P.C.A. Two dogs were euthanized. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals. The dead animals include those hit by cars, natural death, killed by other animals and euthanized

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs with hearings held at the Police station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policing Philosophy. Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik and I have conducted numerous hearings at the Police station. These hearings involve unlicensed, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints. Together we have solved

many complaints, saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success, reducing my appearances in court and raising revenue from uncollected dog license fees. Sixteen cases were settled in Taunton District Court.

Dead animals were; sixty cats, twenty-two squirrels, forty-two deer, thirteen opossums, ten raccoons, nine dogs, thirty-one skunks, twelve foxes, two bats, nine rabbits, one coyote, two hawks, three woodchucks, two turkeys, two hawks, three geese, two seagull, one fisher, two chipmunks and one turtle. Also we had eight crows, five starlings, and sixteen other birds. These birds were sent to the State lab for an Avian Test for the West Nile Virus. We had three crows that tested positive.

Our sincere thanks to the Police Chief, Deputy Chief, Dispatchers, and all members of the Police Department, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Board of Health, Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Animal Control Officer

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 2000, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $16.7M and provided direct services to 17,591 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton, Self Help Inc. provided services totaling $352,409 to 184 households during program year 2000.

Self Help's total funding of $16,699,454 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $1,399,684 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was $18,450,931.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 280 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank all the volunteers, the Boards of Selectmen, the limited income representatives and the private sector representatives, for helping to make Fiscal Year 2000 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resources

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 28th Day of February, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

Special Town Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:16 p.m. with quorum present in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium on Monday, the 28th day of February, 2000.

The following non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/ Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, Robert Smith, Gary Mazzola, School Principals; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Town Counsel Gary Brackett; Hingham Rotary Members Richard and Eleanor Bridge regarding Article 1, Consultant Rick Taintor, of Whitman and Taintor, re by-laws; Media - Easton Journal: Tim Lavallee; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Richard Murphy; State Senator Robert Creedon, State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnne Sprague; State Representative David Flynn.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Enis Almquist who passed away this past weekend. She was a long-time resident who gave countless hours to the town and was a founding member of our Historical Commission and has given many, many hours over many, many years to various functions in the town.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to donate, pursuant to M.G.L. C. 30B Section 15(g), the 1969 Pirsch Ladder Fire Truck and the 1966 Mack Pumper Fire Truck to the Rotary Club of Easton, Inc., a federally tax exempt charitable corporation subject to the condition that the Fire Trucks are for the use of a community in need of fire equipment in Honduras; said fire trucks no longer being useful to the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT THE TOWN DONATE, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C. 30B SECTION 15(G), THE 1969 PIRSCH LADDER FIRE TRUCK AND THE 1966 MACK PUMPER FIRE TRUCK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF EASTON, A FEDERALLY TAX EXEMPT CHARITABLE CORPORATION SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE FIRE TRUCKS ARE FOR THE USE OF A COMMUNITY IN NEED OF FIRE EQUIPMENT IN HONDURAS; SAID FIRE TRUCKS NO LONGER BEING USEFUL TO THE TOWN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 2-11, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE NONBINDING REPORTS OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLES 2-11. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 7-4 therein, said Section 7-4 to be entitled "Estate Lots," and said Section to read as follows:

7-4 ESTATE LOTS

The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for development on a lot in the Residential District with less that the required amount of frontage, according to the criteria for "estate lots" as set forth herein. Estate lots shall comply with all of the General Requirements set forth in subsection A below, and with the requirements for pre-existing estate lots or newly-created estate lots in subsections B or C, as applicable.

A) General Requirements

1) The applicant shall submit an Approval Not Required plan under the Subdivision Control Law depicting the estate lot and the conforming lots (if any). The Approval Not Required Plan shall take the place of the plan otherwise required for special permit applications.

2) A building area shall be designated on the plan, and the width of the estate lot at the widest portion of the building area shall equal or exceed the number of feet normally required for street frontage in the district.

3) Lot width for the estate lot shall at no point be less than 40 feet, and lot frontage shall be not less than 40 feet. Frontage shall meet all of the requirements contained in the definition for "frontage" in Section II, herein.

4) Front, rear, and side yard depths shall equal or exceed those required in the district.

B) Pre-Existing Estate Lots

A pre-existing lot lacking the minimum frontage requirement for the district may be utilized for any use permitted in the district provided that all of the following conditions are met for the estate lot:

1) The area of the estate lot shall be at least three times the minimum area normally required for the district.

2) The estate lot shall have existed in separate ownership from any abutting lot as of October 1, 1999. Documentation to this effect shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for any estate lot without first establishing that compliance with this provision has been determined by the Planning and Zoning Board.

C) Creation of New Estate Lots

A lot may be divided into an estate lot and one or more lots each of which conforms to all applicable dimensional regulations in Section 6.3 and as defined in Section II, provided that all of the following conditions can be met for the estate lot:

1) *The area of the estate lot shall be at least double the minimum area normally required for the district.*

2) *Not more than one (1) estate lot shall be created from a lot, or a set of contiguous lots held in common ownership as of October 1, 1999. Documentation to this effect shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board along with the application for Approval Not Required Plan under the Subdivision Control Law. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for any estate lot without first establishing that compliance with this provision has been determined by the Planning and Zoning Board.*

3) *At the time of the creation of the estate lot, it shall be held in common and contiguous ownership with the front lot from which the estate lot is proposed to be created.*

4) *The sight distance at the intersection of the estate lot driveway and the street shall be such as to provide for safety to all vehicular traffic.*

5) *The existing drainage patterns shall not be disrupted by the construction of a driveway on the reduced frontage portion of the estate lot. A grading and sloping plan, showing existing and proposed conditions, shall be submitted with the special permit application to demonstrate compliance with this requirement*

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this By-Law.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Outreach Committee)

Prior to the motion, an overview of the zoning articles was given by Jeffrey Tufts, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Christopher Kone, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board and Alice McCarthy, member of the Outreach Committee.

Prior to voting on the motion, John Kent, Chairman of the Finance Committee asked to be recognized on the Articles. The Moderator would not recognize him and discussion ensued. Mr. Kent insisted that the Finance Committee under the Charter is to advise the Town Meeting on <u>any and all matters</u> to come before the Town Meeting. The Moderator read from the Code Book (Charter) Section C3-5: "The Finance Committee shall have such powers and duties with respect to advising the Town Meeting on any or all matters which are to come before the Town Meeting <u>as may from time to time be assigned to it in the by-laws</u> of the Town" and from the Code Book (by-law) Section 22-3 relating to the Finance Committee: " They shall consider <u>all articles involving the expenditure, appropriation, raising or borrowing of money</u> in any warrant for a meeting during its term of office and shall report, in writing, thereon, together with their recommendations, to the voters 10 days prior to the meeting." Mr. Kent requested legal opinion. Town Counsel Martyn Lincoln said that the decision of the Moderator is final. Moderator Dailey also ruled that any Finance Committee member could give an individual non-binding recommendation, as could any Town Meeting member.

Consultant Rick Taintor explained Article 3 to Town Meeting.

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY, TO INSERT A NEW SECTION 7-4 THEREIN, SAID SECTION 7-4 TO BE ENTITLED "ESTATE LOTS," AND TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***YES: WELL IN EXCESS OF 200; NO: 25. VOTE CARRIED.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 8-11 therein, said Section 8-11 to be entitled "Common Driveways," and said Section to read as follows:

8-11 COMMON DRIVEWAYS

A. General

Common driveways providing actual access to not more than three (3) lots may be allowed on special permit by the Planning and Zoning Board.

B. Design Standards and Criteria

A common driveway must satisfy all of the following conditions:

(1) The distance of the common driveway measured from the street line to the point where any principal building is proposed shall not exceed a distance of five hundred (500) feet, unless the Planning and Zoning Board makes a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.

(2) The common driveway shall be located entirely within the boundaries of the lots to which the driveway provides access, and shall be separated from any other lots to which access is not being provided by an appropriately landscaped buffer area at least twenty (20) feet in width.

(3) The common driveway shall have a leveling area of at least 40 feet in length from the street pavement, with a minimum depth of 20 feet of pavement in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations (except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws), and sloped not more than 4% grade for the 40 feet it extends from the street pavement.

(4) The centerline intersection of the common driveway with the street centerline shall not be less than 45 degrees.

(5) A minimum cleared width of 18 feet, and a minimum travel way of 12 feet, shall be maintained over the entire length of the common driveway.

(6) A roadway surface of a minimum of 4 inches of graded gravel, placed over a properly prepared base, graded and compacted to drain from the crown shall be installed. Where the property rises in elevation from the street, the driveway shall be paved from the street to the first high point (break in grade) in order to prevent erosion toward the street, except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws.

(7) The grade of each common driveway where it intersects with the public way shall not exceed eight percent (8%) for a distance of 20 feet from the travel surface of the public way unless the Planning and Zoning Board shall grant a special permit after a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.

(8) The common driveway shall not disrupt existing drainage patterns. A grading and sloping plan, showing existing and proposed conditions, shall be submitted with the special permit application to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

(9) Proposed documents shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board demonstrating that, through easements, restrictive covenants, or other appropriate legal devices, the maintenance (including snow removal), repair and liability for the common driveway and all public utilities shall remain perpetually the responsibility of the private parties or their successors in interest.

(10) The common driveway shall never be used to satisfy frontage requirements.

C. Plan Requirement

An application for a common driveway shall include a plan showing the driveway serving the premises, and existing and proposed topography at 2-foot contour intervals. This information may be shown on a site plan, an Approval Not Required Plan, or any other plan of the lots to which access is to be provided by the common driveway.

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this By-Law.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Outreach Committee)

AMENDED. *VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY, TO INSERT A NEW SECTION 8-11 THEREIN, SAID SECTION 8-11 TO BE ENTITLED "COMMON DRIVEWAYS," AND TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT WITH ONE EXCEPTION THAT PARAGRAPH B (3) BE DELTED AND SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS BE RE-NUMBERED ACCORDINGLY AS FOLLOWS:*

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(6) The grade of each common driveway where it intersects with the public way shall not exceed eight percent (8%) for a distance of 20 feet from the travel surface of the public way unless the Planning and Zoning Board shall grant a special permit after a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.

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THE FOLLOWING COUNTERS WERE APPOINTED AND DULY SWORN TO THEIR DUTIES: CHRISTOPHER D'ARPINO, BARRY DUNKLEY, KATE O'REILLY, MARK CARPENTIER, MARC BROCKMAN, LENNART ALTIERI, MICHAEL BOYLE AND WALTER MESSCHER.

AS AMENDED - YES 236; NO 12. VOTE CARRIES.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically by inserting a new Section 7-5 therein to be entitled "Residential Compound" and said Section to read as follows:

7-5 RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND

A) Purpose

The purposes of this Section 7-5 are:

1. *To provide subdividers an option to develop a parcel of land under less stringent requirements, where, and only where, the Board determines that such alternative procedures will promote development of the parcel in the best interests of the Town.*

2. *To promote a lower density of housing than is normally allowed through conventional subdivision.*

3. *To alleviate the Town's short- and long-term costs for road maintenance and lighting.*

4. *To minimize construction in or near environmentally sensitive areas.*

5. *To preserve the rural character of the Town.*

B) General Provision

The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit to allow the development of a subdivision as a Residential Compound. Subdivision approval, pursuant to Chapter 41, MGL is also necessary.

C) Eligibility

To qualify for consideration as a Residential Compound, the subdivision must satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. *The Residential Compound must create at least three but not more than eight lots, be located entirely in a district in which single-family residences are permitted, and have a minimum of forty (40) feet of frontage on an existing public way in Easton.*

2. *The average contiguous upland area of the lots so created shall be at least one and one-half times the minimum lot size set forth for the district in Section 6-3 of the Zoning Bylaw, and as defined in Section II. No lot shall have less than the minimum lot size for the district.*

3. *All lots so created shall have ingress and egress to a Private Lane.*

4. *The minimum frontage of each lot on the Private Lane shall be at least 75 feet.*

5. *The Private Lane shall extend from a Town of Easton accepted or public way, and shall end in a cul-de-sac or connect back to itself.*

6. *A buffer zone of at least 75 feet in width of indigenous vegetation shall separate the structures in the development from any adjacent public way. The buffer zone shall provide a dense vegetative screen, which shall be supplemented by additional indigenous vegetation, and landscaping that is designed to block the view of the residential structures from the existing public way.*

D) Application Process

1. *Pre-Submission Meeting*

   Prior to submission of the Special Permit application, it is strongly advised that the applicant meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee to review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Pencil sketches, which need not be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features of the Residential Compound plan.

2. *Special Permit Application and Definitive Subdivision Plan*

   The special permit application shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

E) Planning and Zoning Board Approval

The Planning and Zoning Board may approve a Residential Compound subdivision upon a determination that the Residential Compound, as compared to a conventional subdivision of the same parcel, is likely to:

1. *reduce the number of lots having egress onto existing streets;*

2. *reduce the number of lots having frontage on existing public ways;*

3. *reduce cut and fill in road construction and subdivision development;*

4. *promote public safety and welfare, particularly with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety;*

5. *be constructed in a manner which will have the least visual impact on the parcel of land in question as viewed from the public way providing access to the Residential Compound subdivision, or from adjacent residentially zoned properties;*

6. *produce less irregularly shaped or contorted lot configurations;*

7. *promote housing affordable to persons or families of low or moderate income, as defined by the standards and criteria of the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development; or*

8. *afford protection to the Town's groundwater resources.*

F) Conditions

Any plan approved as a Residential Compound must contain or refer to recorded covenants regarding each of the following:

1. *The Private Lane shall remain permanently a private way, which shall not be extended;*

2. *The Private Lane shall not be connected to any other way except where it originates on a public way;*

3. *The lots shall obtain access from the Private Lane if, and only if, ownership of the lot provides automatic membership in a homeowner association responsible for all maintenance and snow removal of or from the Private Lane. The homeowners association shall retain all rights in the Private Lane.*

4. *The Private Lane does not meet the standards of the Town for acceptance for new ways and shall not be proposed for such acceptance.*

5. *The homeowners association shall indemnify, hold harmless and release the Town from liability for any damages resulting from an action brought by a third party or the association in any court due to the repair, use, or maintenance of the Private Lane.*

6. *A perpetual easement in favor of the Town of Easton shall be granted to allow access to and maintenance of public utilities as appropriate.*

G) Private Lanes

Private Lanes shall have:

1. *A leveling area of at least 40 feet in length from the street pavement, with a minimum depth of 20 feet of pavement in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations (except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws), and sloped not more than 4% grade for the 40 feet it extends from the street pavement;*

2. *A centerline intersection with the street centerline of not less than 60%;*

3. *A roadway surface, on that portion of the Private Lane extending beyond the leveling area, of a minimum of 6 inches of graded gravel, placed over a properly prepared base, graded and compacted to drain from the crown. Where the property rises in elevation from the street, the way shall be paved from the street to the first high point (break in grade) in order to prevent erosion toward the street, except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws;*

4. *Proper drainage appurtenances, where required, to prevent washout and excessive erosion, with particular attention to the leveling area, so that water draining onto the street surface from the leveling area is eliminated to the maximum extent feasible;*

5. *A roadway surface, on that portion of the Private Lane extending beyond the leveling area, with a minimum width of 18 feet for its entire length, and a minimum right-of-way width of 30 feet for its entire length;*

6. *A turnaround or cul-de-sac of not less than 30 feet in depth and 40 feet in width provided at the end of the terminus;*

7. *A buffer zone of indigenous vegetation supplemented by new plantings and landscaping as may be required by the Planning and Zoning Board separating the Private Lane from any pre-existing residential lot line.*

H) Rules and Regulations

The Planning and Zoning Board shall establish, and from time to time amend, regulations for the administration of this section, including a schedule of filing fees to cover the costs of processing and engineering review by Town personnel, and review fees to cover the costs of expert technical review by outside consultants.

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this by-law.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Outreach Committee)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 7-5 THEREIN TO BE ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND" AND SAID SECTION TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 7-15 therein, said Section 7-15 to be entitled "Open Space Residential Development," and said Section to read as follows:

7-15 OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Purpose

The purposes of this section are:

(1) to preserve open space for natural resource protection, recreation, agriculture and forestry;

(2) to preserve significant natural, historical and archaeological resources;

(3) to preserve and foster the Town of Easton's rural and scenic character;

(4) to promote development that is in harmony with natural features and resources, the town's historic and traditional landscapes, the existing and probable future use of adjacent land, and the general intent of the Zoning Bylaw; and

(5) to establish flexible residential development standards and procedures that will support these objectives.

B. Special Permit

In the Residential District, the Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) as an alternative to conventional subdivision.

C. Open Space Residential Development Standards

1. Permitted Uses

Land in an OSRD may be used for any purpose permitted in the Residential District.

2. Area and Dimensional Requirements

(a) Minimum Tract Size

(1) The tract of land for an OSRD must contain at least five (5) acres, and have at least forty (40) feet of frontage on a public way.

(2) *The Planning and Zoning Board may permit lots on directly opposite sides of a street to qualify as a single tract of land. To permit such division of a tract of land by a street, the Planning and Zoning Board must find that this would comply with the purposes of this section and not result in any more dwelling units than would be possible in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw if the lots on either side of the street were developed separately. If the Board approves a tract of land divided by a street, it may permit the dwelling units to be concentrated on one side of the street and the Common Land to be concentrated on the opposite side of the street.*

(b) Lot Area, Frontage, Width and Yard Requirements

Residential building lots in an OSRD shall comply with the following dimensional requirements:

(1) *Minimum lot area: 10,000 square feet*

(2) *Minimum lot frontage: no requirement.*

(3) *Minimum lot width: no requirement.*

(c) Building Location Requirements

(1) *No residential building shall be located within 20 feet of a public way, private way, or common drive; within 20 feet of a lot line within the OSRD; or within 30 feet of the boundary line of the OSRD; or within 30 feet of the Common Land.*

(2) *The Planning and Zoning Board may require larger setbacks and distances, and it may permit smaller setbacks and distances if it finds that such smaller setbacks will not detract from the purpose and intent of the OSRD.*

(3) *Where the tract contains a pre-existing residential structure, the area and frontage of the lot on which such structure is located after development of the OSRD shall not be reduced below the minimum lot size and minimum frontage required in the underlying zoning district.*

(d) Number of dwelling units

The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in an OSRD shall be computed by dividing the developable area of the OSRD tract by the minimum lot size required in the underlying zoning district. For the purpose of this computation, the "developable" area shall be the total area of the tract, including the Common Land, but excluding all streams, ponds, wetlands as defined in Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton and Chapter 131, Sec. 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, floodplains, detention/ retention basins, and areas subject to existing valid open space restrictions.

(e) Streets and Utilities

Whether or not the OSRD is a subdivision, all streets whether public or private, and all sewage, drainage facilities and utilities, shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Town of Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations, except as specifically modified by the following design standards:

(1) *The minimum widths of rights-of-way shall be forty feet (40').*

(2) *The minimum widths of roadways (paved travel area) shall be twenty-two feet (22') for streets providing access to up to and including 40 dwellings, and twenty-four feet (24') for streets providing access to more than 40 dwellings.*

(3) *Up to eight dwellings may be served by a Private Lane conforming to the requirements for such ways set forth in Rules and Regulations adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board.*

Exceptions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be authorized by the Planning and Zoning Board in granting a special permit hereunder provided that the Board determines such exceptions are in the public interest and are not inconsistent with the purposes of Section A.

3. Common Land

(a) Dimensional Requirements

In an OSRD, at least sixty percent (60%) of the total tract area shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the OSRD residents or the general public. The following additional requirements shall apply:

(1) The minimum required area of Common Land shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton) than the percentage of wetlands found in the overall tract of land on which the OSRD is located.

(2) Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only when necessary for providing access to the Common Land from a public or private way, or if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose of OSRD development.

(3) Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses.

(4) If the tract of land abuts adjacent Common Land, undeveloped lots, or open space, the Common Land, wherever possible, shall be connected with such adjacent Common Land, undeveloped abutting lots or open space.

(5) The Common Land shall include adequate upland access from a way or street.

(b) Use of the Common Land

(1) The Common Land shall be dedicated and used for natural resource protection, recreation, park purposes, outdoor education, agriculture, horticulture or forestry, or for any combination of such uses. No other uses shall be allowed in the Common Land, except as follows:

(i) A portion of the Common Land may be also be used for the construction of leaching areas associated with septic disposal systems serving the OSRD or for water supply wells serving the OSRD, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such use will enhance the specific purpose of Open Space Residential Development and promote better overall site planning. Septic disposal easements shall be no larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such leaching areas or wells, the Planning and Zoning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the lot owners within the OSRD.

(ii) A portion of the Common Land may also be used for ways serving as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths and emergency access or egress to the OSRD or adjacent land, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such a use will enhance the specific purpose of Open Space Residential Development and promote better overall site planning, and if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that adequate assurances and covenants exist to ensure proper maintenance of such facilities by the owner of the Common Land.

(iii) The Common Land may be subject to easements for the construction, maintenance, and repair of utility and drainage facilities serving the Open Space Residential Development or adjacent parcels.

(2) The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that an overall maximum of five (5) percent of such land may be subject to pavement and structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of the Common Land or as otherwise permitted herein.

(3) The proposed use of the Common Land shall be specified, and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be part of the deed to the Common Land.

(4) The Planning and Zoning Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove particular uses proposed for the Common Land in order to enhance the specific purposes of Open Space

Residential Development, and to further efforts to equitably distribute a variety of open space benefits throughout the community.

(c) Ownership of Common Land

(1) The Common Land shall be conveyed in whole or in part to the Town of Easton and accepted by it; or to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and/or any of the purposes and uses to which the Common Land is to be dedicated; or to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of the dwelling units within the Open Space Residential Development. The Planning and Zoning Board shall approve the form of ownership of the Common Land.

(2) If any portion of the Common Land is not conveyed to the Town of Easton, a perpetual restriction, approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and enforceable by the Town of Easton, shall be imposed on the use of such land, providing in substance that the land be kept in its open or natural state and that the land shall not be built upon or developed or used except in accordance with provisions of an OSRD as set forth herein and, if applicable, as further specified in the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board governing the individual OSRD.

(3) The proposed ownership of all Common Land shall be specified on a plan required by the Board.

(4) At the time of its conveyance, the Common Land shall be free of all encumbrances, mortgages or other claims, except as to easements, restrictions and encumbrances required or permitted by this bylaw.

(d) Maintenance of Common Land

If the Common Land is to be held by a homeowners association, or other approved entity, a management plan shall be prepared establishing responsibilities and schedules for maintenance of the Common Land.

4. Additional Design Criteria

(a) Four-Step Design Process. Each plan for Open Space Residential Development shall follow a four-step design process, as described below. When the application is submitted, applicants shall be prepared to demonstrate to the Planning and Zoning Board that these four design steps were followed by their site designers in determining the layout of their proposed streets, house lots, and open space.

(1) Designating the Open Space. First, identify the open space to be protected. The open space shall include, to the extent feasible, the most sensitive and noteworthy natural, scenic, and cultural resources on the property.

(2) Location of House Sites. Second, locate the potential house sites. House sites shall be located not closer than 100 feet to wetlands areas (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of theCode of the Town of Easton), but may be situated within 50 feet of open space areas (other than the wetlands defined above), in order to enjoy views of the latter without negatively impacting the former.

(3) Street and Lot Layout. Third, align the proposed streets to provide vehicular access to each house in the most reasonable and economical way. When lots and access streets are laid out, they shall be located in a way that minimizes adverse impacts on open space. To the greatest extent practicable, wetland crossings shall be strongly discouraged. The creation of single-loaded residential access streets is encouraged, in order that the maximum number of homes in new developments may enjoy views of open space.

(4) Lot Lines. Fourth, draw in the lot lines (where applicable). These are generally drawn midway between house locations.

(b) In addition to the standards set forth in previous sections of this Section 7-15, the OSRD shall be designed in accordance with the following objectives, in order of priority:

(1) Septic systems shall be placed on the most suitable soil for subsurface septic disposal.

(2) Buildings shall be sited within any woodland contained in the parcel or along the edges of the open fields adjacent to any woodland so as to reduce any impact upon the site's natural, scenic and cultural resources, and to enable new construction to be visually absorbed by the natural landscape features.

(3) Buildings shall be sited in locations least likely to interrupt scenic vistas, as seen from the public roadways.

(4) Buildings shall be sited in locations where the greatest number of units can be designed to take maximum advantage of solar heating opportunities.

(5) Buildings shall be sited to avoid sensitive environmental features, including wildlife habitat, wetlands (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton), water bodies, steep slopes or other important site features.

(6) New buildings may be sited in clusters close to an existing public road to reflect the traditional locations, patterns and setbacks of nearby buildings. Such roadside clusters shall be compatible with the scale of the surrounding neighborhood and shall maintain at least 75% of the existing undeveloped road frontage in conservation. Architectural design of new buildings (proportions, roof pitches, exterior materials and fenestration) shall reflect the character of nearby existing structures.

D. Special Permit Applications and Procedures

An application for an Open Space Residential Development special permit shall cover the entire Open Space Residential Development.

1. Pre-Submission Meeting

Prior to submission of the Special Permit application, the applicantis strongly advised to meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Pencil sketches, which need not be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features to be included in the special permit application as set forth in section 2, below.

2. OSRD Requiring Subdivision Approval

If the Open Space Residential Development requires approval under the Subdivision Control Law, the "Open Space Residential Development Site Plan" shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for an OSRD Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

3. Planning and Zoning Board Action

(a) In evaluating the proposed OSRD, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider:

(1) the general purpose and objectives of this by-law;

(2) the existing and probable future development of surrounding areas;

(3) the appropriateness of the proposed layout of streets, ways, lots and structures; and

(4) the proposed layout and use of the Common Land in relation to the proposed dwelling units in the OSRD, adjoining public or private common land or open space, or the topography, soils and other characteristics of the tract of land in question; and

(5) to the extent reasonable, whether the areas designated as Common Land are consistent with the objectives stated in the Town of Easton Open Space and Recreation Plan then in effect, if any.

(b) The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for an OSRD if it finds that the OSRD:

(1) complies with the requirements of this Section 7-15, other applicable requirements of the Zoning Bylaws and, where applicable, the construction and design standards of the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations;

(2) is consistent with the purposes of this section; and

(3) is in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood.

(c) In addition, in order to grant a special permit for an OSRD, the Planning and Zoning Board must find that the number of housing units to be developed in the OSRD will not exceed by more than ten percent (10%) the number of house lots that could be developed under standard lot area and frontage requirements.

4. Special Permit Conditions

As a condition of approval, the Planning and Zoning Board may require such changes in the proposed development plans and may impose such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this bylaw, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the neighborhood and of the Town of Easton. The Special Permit shall specify the timing for conveyance of the Common Land.

E. Change in Plans After Grant of Special Permit

No change in any aspect of the approved plans shall be permitted unless approved in writing by the Planning and Zoning Board. A new or amended special permit will be required if the Planning and Zoning Board determines any proposed change to be substantial.

F. Building Permits

No building permit shall be issued for any structure within an approved OSRD unless such structure is in compliance with this by-law and the terms and conditions of any special permit thereunder.

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this By-Law.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Outreach Committee)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY, TO INSERT A NEW SECTION 7-15 THEREIN, SAID SECTION 7-15 TO BE ENTITLED "OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT," AND SAID SECTION TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to amend Section II - Definitions, by inserting a new definition for the term "Lot Frontage" to read as follows:

LOT FRONTAGE: The boundary of a lot coinciding with the street line, being an unbroken distance along (a) a public way or a way which is maintained and used as a public way, or (b) a way shown on an approved subdivision plan, or (c) a way in existence when the subdivision control law became effective in the Town of Easton. Actual access to the potential building site through the frontage shall be required unless otherwise exempted herein. A street may provide frontage only upon a determination by the Planning and Zoning Board that it provides adequate access for fire, police, and emergency vehicles. Lot frontage shall be measured continuously along the street line of a single way between side lot lines, except as follows:

(a) For a corner lot, frontage shall be measured between one side lot line and the right of way line of an intersecting street.

(b) Lots with interrupted or discontinuous frontage must demonstrate that the required length along the street may be obtained from one (1) continuous frontage section, without any totaling of discontinuous frontage sections.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Outreach Committee)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to delete existing paragraph 12-7 A and replace it with the following:

12-7 A The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall be the Board of Appeals, except where another Board is specifically designated as the SPGA for a particular type of special permit.

And further, in paragraph 12-7 B, to replace the word "Board" with the words "Special Permit Granting Authority," and replace the words "Board of Appeals" with the initials "SPGA."

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY TO DELETE EXISTING PARAGRAPH 12-7 A AND REPLACE IT AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to delete existing paragraphs 12-8 B through F and replace them with the following:

B.1. On each appeal, special permit or petition to the Board of Appeals, said Board shall hold a public hearing of which notice shall be given by publication twice in a newspaper of general circulation in Easton, once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of such hearing. The Board shall also notify by mail, postage prepaid, all Parties In Interest.

B.2. An interoffice memorandum, prepared by the Board of Appeals, shall be sent to the Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Building Inspector, Highway Department, and Police Department outlining in general the respective appeal, request or petition to enable the various departments to adequately

review and comment. Said memo to be sent to various departments at least fourteen (14 days) prior to the hearing. Departments not responding prior to the hearing shall be deemed to have no objection to the application.

C.1. On each application to the Planning and Zoning Board for a Special Permit, said Board shall hold a public hearing of which notice shall be given by publication twice in a newspaper of general circulation in Easton, once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of such hearing. The Board shall also notify by mail, postage prepaid, all Parties In Interest.

C.2. On each application to the Planning and Zoning Board for a Special Permit, said Board shall send an interoffice memorandum to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Building Inspector, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and Historical Commission outlining in general the respective application to enable the various departments to adequately review and comment. Said memo to be sent to the various departments at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. Departments not responding prior to the hearing shall be deemed to have no objection to the application.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

AMENDED** TO ADD THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND TO USE DPW INSTEAD OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (TO INCLUDE WATER AND ENGINEERING) TO PARAGRAPH B.2. SO IT WILL BE SIMILAR TO PARAGRAPH C.2. **AMENDMENT - UNANIMOUS VOTE.

***VOTED** TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY TO DELETE EXISTING PARAGRAPHS 12-8 B THROUGH F AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING:*

B.1. ON EACH APPEAL, SPECIAL PERMIT OR PETITION TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS, SAID BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING OF WHICH NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN BY PUBLICATION TWICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN EASTON, ONCE IN EACH OF TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS, THE FIRST PUBLICATION NOT LESS THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH HEARING. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO NOTIFY BY MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST.

B.2. AN INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM, PREPARED BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS, SHALL BE SENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH, BUILDING INSPECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (INCLUDING WATER AND ENGINEERING), CONSERVATION COMMISION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OUTLINING IN GENERAL THE RESPECTIVE APPEAL, REQUEST OR PETITION TO ENABLE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO ADEQUATELY REVIEW AND COMMENT. SAID MEMO TO BE SENT TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14 DAYS) PRIOR TO THE HEARING. DEPARTMENTS NOT RESPONDING PRIOR TO THE HEARING SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION.

C.1. ON EACH APPLICATION TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT, SAID BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING OF WHICH NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN BY PUBLICATION TWICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN EASTON, ONCE IN EACH OF TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS, THE FIRST PUBLICATION NOT LESS THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS

BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH HEARING. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO NOTIFY BY MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST.

C.2. ON EACH APPLICATION TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT, SAID BOARD SHALL SEND AN INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, HISTORICAL COMMISSION, BOARD OF HEALTH, BUILDING INSPECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (INCLUDING WATER AND ENGINEERING) AND POLICE DEPARTMENT OUTLINING IN GENERAL THE RESPECTIVE APPLICATION TO ENABLE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO ADEQUATELY REVIEW AND COMMENT. SAID MEMO TO BE SENT TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. DEPARTMENTS NOT RESPONDING PRIOR TO THE HEARING SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION.

UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically Section 7-10 thereof, by amending paragraph F) to read as follows:

F) *Application Fees: The Planning and Zoning Board shall establish, and from time to time amend, a schedule of filing fees to cover the costs of processing and engineering review by Town personnel, and review fees to cover the costs of expert technical review by outside consultants.*

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-10 THEREOF, BY AMENDING PARAGRAPH F) TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7-14 of the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, Section B thereof, as follows:

7.14 ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT

B. SPECIAL PERMIT*: In the Residential, Business and Industrial Districts, the Planning and Zoning Board may grant a Special Permit for an ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT (ARD) as an alternative to conventional subdivision. Subdivision approval pursuant to Chapter 41 MGL is also required.*

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND SECTION 7-14 OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY, SECTION B THEREOF, AS FOLLOWS:

7.14 ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT

B. SPECIAL PERMIT*: IN THE RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MAY GRANT A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT (ARD) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CONVENTIONAL SUBDIVISION. SUBDIVISION APPROVAL PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 41 MGL IS ALSO REQUIRED.*

YES 167, NO 58, VOTE CARRIES.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:56 p.m. Total voters present – 324.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of February in the year two thousand.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Carla A. Goodwin, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 10, 2000

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A & B) – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, William MacMullen, Virginia Corte, Mary Jane Wood, John Sullivan, Joan Healey, Karen Fulcher, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, E. Pamela Corbett, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Mary Travers, Mary Desmond, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly A. Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Nicolina Previti, E. Louise Vose, Elizabeth Verity, Mary Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:								
	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	229	52	222	204	260	272	198	1437
Republican Party	435	137	327	273	392	378	307	2249
Libertarian Party	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	7
Total	665	189	551	477	656	650	505	3693
The result of the Primary election was:								
			DEMOCRATIC PARTY					
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Al Gore	120	22	116	133	127	144	110	772
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Bill Bradley	101	26	97	63	123	119	78	607

No Preference	2	1	6	3	5	6	5	28
Write-In, John McCain	4	1	0	0	2	2	2	11
Write-In, George Bush	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Write-In, William Galvin	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	2	2	5	0	1	3	14
Total	229	52	222	204	260	272	198	1437
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Paul D. Sullivan	154	27	162	-	166	182	-	691
Write-Ins, Scattering	0	0	0	-	2	0	-	2
Blanks	75	25	60	-	92	90	-	342
Total	229	52	222	-	260	272	-	1035
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
William R. Keating	-	-	-	167	-	-	154	321
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	37	-	-	44	81
Total	-	-	-	204	-	-	198	402
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Ellen A. Callanan	156	28	154	-	164	183	-	685
Write-Ins	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	73	24	68	-	96	89	-	350
Total	229	52	222	-	260	272	-	1035
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Claire B. Naughton	-	-	-	156	-	-	138	294
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	48	-	-	60	108
Total	-	-	-	204	-	-	198	402
DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE								
Andrew J. Parker	115	24	132	118	111	124	104	728
D. Lee Parker	116	25	131	118	113	123	104	730
Richard N. Driscoll	121	28	128	125	130	131	110	773
Michael A. Graff	115	27	125	116	122	137	107	749
Jean H. Cote	112	26	126	121	115	125	106	731
Craig B. Barger	110	25	119	118	112	127	109	720
William J. Meehan	116	32	133	122	118	131	107	759
Michelle T. Meehan	118	29	135	125	117	129	108	761
Thelma L. Mullen	120	26	133	120	120	123	106	748
James D. Mullen, Jr.	119	25	136	116	128	128	106	758
John J. Kent	138	27	153	120	139	142	110	829
Jean M. Kent	134	28	146	123	130	138	110	809
Eric M. Neely	117	27	142	116	121	125	108	756
Elaine R. Schivek	110	25	118	125	111	120	106	715
William D. Hardin	137	30	148	130	136	153	121	855
Robert J. Kane	148	28	158	145	142	150	126	897
Write-In, Barron, Allen	2	0	5	0	1	6	1	15
Write-In, Estelle Blackman	2	0	4	0	1	6	1	14
Write-In, Harvey Blackman	2	0	4	0	1	6	1	14

Write-In, Scattering	6	0	18	1	9	5	0	39
Blanks	6057	1388	5576	5181	7123	7391	5179	37895
Total	8015	1820	7770	7140	9100	9520	6930	50295
			REPUBLICAN PARTY					
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Alan Keyes	19	3	5	2	9	6	3	47
George W. Bush	154	54	122	81	133	108	109	761
Gary Bauer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
John McCain	259	80	198	189	248	263	193	1430
Steve Forbes	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	5
Orrin Hatch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Write-In Patricia Buchanan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	435	137	327	273	392	378	307	2249
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Lawrence P. Novak	244	71	190	-	209	212	-	926
R. Andrew Burbine	89	28	63	-	67	73	-	320
Write-In, Scattering	1	0	0	-	0	0	-	1
Blanks	101	38	74	-	116	93	-	422
Total	435	137	327	-	392	378	-	1669
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Write-Ins, Bruce Olsen	-	-	-	6	-	-	8	14
Write-Ins, William Adams	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	6
Write-Ins, Scattering	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	8
Blanks	-	-	-	260	-	-	292	552
Total	-	-	-	273	-	-	307	580
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Rita B. Kechejian	269	76	202	-	235	221	-	1003
Write-Ins, Scattering	2	2	0	-	0	1	-	5
Blanks	164	59	125	-	157	156	-	661
Total	435	137	327	-	392	378	-	1669
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Holly J. Robichaud	-	-	-	140	-	-	150	290
Write-Ins, Scattering	-	-	-	0	-	-	3	3
Blanks	-	-	-	133	-	-	154	287
Total	-	-	-	273	-	-	307	580
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE								
Clifford Skip Davis, Jr.	233	77	179	128	209	189	150	1165
Carla A. Goodwin	247	77	193	148	219	205	160	1249
Michael K. Sugrue	204	51	153	109	158	144	117	936
William J. MacMullen, Jr.	204	53	153	122	163	153	130	978
Amberly J. Tufts	222	64	168	134	188	184	151	1111
Jeffrey L. Tufts	252	74	194	145	214	205	177	1261

Steven R. Avellino	201	58	157	115	167	157	120	975
Frederick Gladstone	232	58	188	124	189	170	149	1110
Michael T. Whitney	211	53	153	113	157	146	119	952
August Arns	218	55	161	109	171	158	122	994
Kent M. Keith	202	51	152	108	160	153	124	950
Filimona Malcosky	201	55	163	130	163	157	134	1003
Gathry L. Hall	211	53	190	112	157	149	120	992
Enis Almquist	208	56	166	111	167	149	121	978
Albert W. Fleury	215	57	164	127	161	159	121	1004
Carl D. Johannesen	202	53	164	111	186	163	120	999
Charles H. Hammond	212	56	192	119	175	155	129	1038
Wayne E. Benson	230	59	173	118	172	160	129	1041
Deborah A. Darling	213	55	159	114	161	153	124	979
John A. Keach, Jr.	233	75	189	129	201	189	154	1170
Janice A. Davis	204	57	164	115	167	160	125	992
Charles F. McCarthy, Jr.	222	67	190	127	175	158	126	1065
Arlene M. Keach	213	64	167	119	180	175	139	1057
Richard W. Martin	212	56	177	119	173	156	130	1023
Anne Marie Martin	218	59	176	123	179	162	138	1055
Nancy J Arns	210	51	160	114	162	157	127	981
Gary W. Sowa	203	51	152	109	158	150	118	941
Charles J. Malcosky	204	57	168	129	162	155	134	1009
Marilyn S. Williams	201	53	158	126	155	159	133	985
Charles A. Partridge	194	52	154	107	155	144	117	923
Robert T. Leonard	201	58	162	118	162	151	121	973
Steve R. Tufts	204	56	159	119	168	165	142	1013
Joan M. Hayward	219	58	166	119	166	155	126	1009
Ernest J.A. Ortega	196	57	158	111	164	153	119	958
Christine F. Reynolds	229	63	181	122	178	173	136	1082
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7744	2746	5542	5352	7678	7559	6143	42764
Total	15225	4795	11445	9555	13720	13230	10745	78715
		LIBERTARIAN PARTY						
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE								
Kip Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Browne	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	6
Edison P. McDaniels, Sr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larry Hines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Lynn Hollist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Neil Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	7
STATE COMMITTEE MAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Write-Ins	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	1	0	2	-	4	0	-	7
Total	1	0	2	-	4	0	-	7

STATE COMMITTEE MAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Mark A. Tuniewicz	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT)								
Write-Ins	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0
Blanks	1	0	2	-	4	0	-	7
Total	1	0	2	-	4	0	-	7
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT)								
Write-Ins	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Blanks	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
Total	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0
TOWN COMMITTEE								
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	3	0	6	0	12	0	0	21
Total	3	0	6	0	12	0	0	21

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 10th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

As there was no quorum present, at 7:02 P.M., the Annual Town Meeting was duly adjourned to Monday, June 12, 2000 at 7 o'clock p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. Total voters present – 10.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 10, 2000 was duly adjourned to:

MONDAY, June 12, 2000 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 1-20, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. It was immediately moved and Voted to Re-adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium following the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.

Moderator Richard C. Dailey re-opened the Annual Town Meeting in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium at 8:55 p.m. with quorum present.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, ASSESSORS, BOARD OF HEALTH, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2000, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTOR/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS DURING FISCAL 2001, AS PERMITTED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 127 of the Acts of 1999 and Ch. 53 of the Acts of 1999, the sum of $324,703.90, all for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of $20,000 for engineering design work related to said construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE PURSUANT TO CH. 127 OF THE ACTS OF 1999 AND CH. 53 OF THE ACTS OF 1999, THE SUM OF $324,703.90, ALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK RELATED TO SAID CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 2001, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing and Gas Permits to be known as the "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing and Gas Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary, expenses and overhead of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 2001, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;

5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'01 is $26,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C.44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2001, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2001, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be counted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2001, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 2001 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'01 is $20,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2001, KNOWN AS THE "CONSERVATION CHAPTER 227 FILING FEE ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE COUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND DETERMINATIONS, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2001 known as the "Subdivision Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separate from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2001 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning and Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 2001 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.

5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY 01 is $10,000.00.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2001 KNOWN AS THE "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONEYS OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH ARE TO BE DEPOSITED FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR EXPERT ENGINEERING ANDCONSULTANT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 2000 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

(ARTICLES 7-14 WERE ALL ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY*** *UNDER ONE MOTION AND VOTE.)*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Retired Employee's Health Insurance Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring during FY'01, as well as other costs required to be paid at retirement by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General

Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Council on Aging to use the proceeds from the sale of the 1988 Shuttle Bus toward the purchase of a new vehicle to transport the elderly and disabled residents of Easton, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE 1988 SHUTTLE BUS TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS OF EASTON. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct a study to determine the need for a Senior Center in Easton, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 127, Sec. 59 of the Acts of 1999, relative to a Senior Citizen Volunteer Tax Relief Program for services rendered pursuant to an agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MASS. GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 127, SEC. 59 OF THE ACTS OF 1999, RELATIVE TO A SENIOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2001, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting) (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.)

VOTED *TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $113,000 AND TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $96,000 FOR THE PURPOSES NOTED BELOW:*

POLICE DEPTARTMENT CRUISERS	*$103,000*
POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO REPEATER	*$ 10,000*
WATER DIVISION VAN	*$ 26,000*
WATER DIVISION TRUCK	*$ 30,000*

WATER DIVISION WELL CLEANING *$ 40,000*

$209,000

MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $40,306,627 OF WHICH $37,322,422 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, $62,139 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH, $15,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND, $40,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND, $15,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT, $10,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAPTER 227 FILING FEE ACCOUNT, $117,559 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, $504,337 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS, AND $2,220,170 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER RECEIPTS, ALL TO MEET THE TOWN CHARGES, INCLUDING SALARIES AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 AS FOLLOWS:

FD-DPT	*DEPARTMENT NAME*	*AMOUNT*
01-003	*SELECTMEN*	*329,562*
01-007	*TOWN COUNSEL*	*131,000*
01-011	*FINANCE COMMITTEE*	*4,500*
01-013	*RESERVE FUND*	*40,000*
01-025	*ACCOUNTANT*	*126,540*
01-029	*ASSESSORS*	*171,706*
01-033	*TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER*	*325,469*
01-039	*TOWN CLERK*	*209,450*
01-051	*DATA PROCESSING*	*188,112*
01-063	*PLANNING & ZONING*	*105,035*
01-101	*POLICE*	*2,736,870*
01-103	*FIRE*	*2,139,992*
01-104	*AMBULANCE*	*299,013*
01-105	*FIRE ALARM*	*19,199*
01-113	*BULDING DEPARTMENT*	*163,759*
01-225	*SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL*	*293,964*
01-300	*DPW ADMINISTRATION*	*2,214,560*
01-487	*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*	*33,587*
01-501	*BOARD OF HEALTH*	*206,836*
01-531	*COUNCIL ON AGING*	*131,088*
01-551	*VETERANS DEPARTMENT*	*83,904*
01-600	*RECREATION DEPARTMENT*	*65,586*
01-601	*RECREATION – POOL*	*31,334*
01-625	*LIBRARY*	*360,000*
01-700	*MATURING DEBT & INTEREST*	*3,049,277*
01-750	*UNCLASSIFIED*	*4,715,819*
61-500	*WATER DIVISION*	*1,711,680*
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	*20,418,785*
	TOTAL FY 2001 BUDGET	*40,306,627*

THERE WERE THREE HELD ITEMS DURING THE BUDGET DISCUSSION: SELECTMEN, TOWN COUNSEL AND UNCLASSIFIED. ALL UNHELD LINE ITEMS WERE VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE. THE

UNCLASSIFIED LINE ITEM WAS THEN VOTED IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,715,819. THE TOWN COUNSEL LINE ITEM WAS VOTED IN THE AMOUNT OF $131,000.

During discussion of the Selectmen's line item, there was a question on the floor as to what was built into the budget for any severance package with the Town Administrator leaving. Before anyone responded to that question, Moderator Dailey stated that he represents the Town Administrator on this matter, and that for him to preside at this point would be a conflict. Moderator Dailey stepped down and appointed Deputy Moderator John Creedon to take his place. Selectman Carla Goodwin responded that there is nothing in the budget. The question was again asked how the Board of Selectmen intend to pay for a severance package and for a new town administrator. Town Counsel Gary Brackett responded that negotiations with non-union, non-civil service employees was covered by the executive session provisions of the open meeting law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those negotiations have been conducted in executive session to this point and recommended that the question would be considered out of order.

A question was asked on the amount of the Town Administrator's salary which is part of the Selectmen's budget. Deputy Moderator Creedon ruled the question out of order based on Town Counsel's ruling concerning the privacy of negotiations. A motion was made to close debate. Motion did not pass. Debate continued. Mr. Paicos was asked how much the line item for the administrator's salary was. Mr. Paicos responded $101,459. The question was then asked if this was a fair amount. Mr. Paicos responded with results of a survey of town managers earning over $85,000, it was $85,000 minimum, maximum was $132,000. There are currently 52 or 53 city or town managers in Massachusetts that are at about the $85,000 threshold.

Mr. Hicks of the Finance Committee reminded the voters that the Town Administrator operates under a contractual agreement which sets the value of the services rendered.

Selectman Webster clarified that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have approved the Selectmen's budget of $329,562 which includes the salary line item for the Town Administrator of $101,459. She stated that is what the discussion should center around, not performance.

Mr. John Leahy, Cosma Road, asked town meeting for a non-binding resolution stating displeasure with what has gone on in town over the past few weeks. The response was a lengthy standing ovation. Leahy continued, including in the non-binding resolution including a statement of support for Kevin Paicos as a valuable asset to the town. There was additional applause. Deputy Moderator stated that it was obvious to the chair that it was not necessary for a non-binding vote because practically the entire hall was standing and suggested getting back to the budget item at hand.

Mr. Leahy again stood up and asked for a non-binding resolution. A heated discussion ensued, during which a five-minute recess was declared.

Deputy Moderator Creedon called the meeting back to order and stated that it was his and Town Counsel's opinion that the request (for the non-binding resolution) was outside of the warrant, not appropriate in the middle of the budget hearing, and was ruled out of order. Deputy Moderator then moved the main motion.

THE SELECTMEN'S BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $329,562 WAS VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE. THE MAIN MOTION ON THE ENTIRE BUDGET WAS THEN ***VOTED****.*

A motion was made and seconded to Dissolve the Annual Town Meting. ***NOT A VOTE****.*

Mr. Jonathan Richman, 214 Purchase Street, asked to have Mr. Leahy's non-binding resolution brought up again for a vote. Deputy Moderator Creedon declared a one minute recess to confer with Town Counsel if it would be allowed at this point. When the meeting was called back to order, Mr. Leahy was allowed by Deputy Moderator Creedon to make his motion again with praise being sufficient and no names. Mr. Leahy asked that this body approve a non-binding resolution simply stating the fact that they are emphatically, 100%, behind Kevin Paicos and would like to see him retained as Town Administrator. Town Counsel clarified that the rules of procedure governing Town Meetings are fairly strict. Matters can come up at Town Meeting only if the public has been given advance notice by inclusion of an Article in the Warrant. The exception to that (from the handbook Town Meeting Time authored by three longstanding moderators from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), is if the Town wishes to express it's appreciation of some achievement for service on the part of an employee, it says that that particular resolution may be offered generally at the commencement of Town Meeting. Town Counsel recommended to the Meeting that if there is to be any action by the Town Meeting as the last item to be taken up,

it would be a motion of those individuals to express appreciation for the service and achievement of Kevin Paicos as the Town Administrator of Easton. Mr. Leahy agreed to allow this as the main motion. Mr. Fred Clark Jr., 101 Black Brook Road, stated that, in his opinion, this vote should be unanimous, because for any Town employee, or a volunteer of the Town, the time should be taken to acknowledge them, to thank them for their service and he personally thanked the Town Administrator for his service to this Town.

A motion to reconsider Article 18, specifically the Selectmen's budget, specifically the $90,000 in lawyer's fees was ruled out order by Deputy Moderator Creedon.

*The **RESOLUTION of appreciation for the service of Kevin Paicos CARRIED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.***

*The Annual Town Meeting was **Dissolved** by declaration of the Deputy Moderator at 10:55 p.m. Total voters present – 667.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan,CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street and those residing in Precinct 5 to meet at the Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road, on Monday the 24th day of April, 2000 at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for one Moderator for a term of three years; two Selectmen for terms of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; One School Committee member for a term of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years.

The polls will be opened at 7:00A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March in the year Two Thousand.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Carla A. Goodwin, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 29, 2000

By virtue hereof, and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk of Easton

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2000

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Monday, April 24, 2000. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Nicolina Previti, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; Virginia Sullivan, William MacMullen, Virginia Corte, Mary Jane Wood, Joan Healey, Gathry Hall, Eleanor Bridge, Karen Fulcher, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Marjorie Jumpe, nspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly A. Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Elizabeth Verity, Bennie Moore, E. Louise Vose, Mary Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Harvey Blackman, Deputy Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, William Sullivan Inspectors.

Total Votes Cast:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
Election Results:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
(Bold type = Elected to Office)							
MODERATOR (Three Years) (One)							
Richard C. Dailey	307	410	204	300	297	236	1754
Write-Ins (Scattered)	10	4	1	3	3	1	22
Blanks	124	180	57	113	115	95	684
Total	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
SELECTMEN (Three Years) (Not more than Two)							
Jeffrey L. Tufts	174	250	93	156	201	155	1029
Patricia E. Webster	254	318	156	209	220	166	1323
Leo R. Harlow	276	315	169	246	203	183	1392
Paul T. Smith	92	155	61	108	94	69	579

Write-Ins	2	2	0	1	2	1	8
Blanks	84	148	45	112	110	90	589
Total	882	1188	524	832	830	664	4920
ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)							
John A. Keach Jr.	317	420	204	307	288	238	1774
Write-Ins	2	3	0	0	0	2	7
Blanks	122	171	58	109	127	92	679
Total	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (One)							
Ellen Barlow Boyajian	284	393	159	290	270	184	1580
Colin W. Gillis	102	133	70	88	103	93	589
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Blanks	54	68	33	38	42	54	289
Total	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)							
William Grimes	291	395	191	287	285	234	1683
Write-Ins	5	1	2	1	1	1	11
Blanks	145	198	69	128	129	97	766
Total	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)							
June H. Brousseau	286	385	185	277	273	229	1635
Write-Ins	1	2	1	3	0	0	7
Blanks	154	207	76	136	142	103	818
Total	441	594	262	416	415	332	2460
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)							
Irwin M. Cohen	248	318	168	233	251	192	1410
Christina A. Mirrione	207	286	153	208	216	176	1246
Write-Ins - Craig Gardner	52	64	11	60	21	8	216
Write-Ins - William McAndrews	30	52	10	26	13	6	137
Write-Ins - Kenneth Hurley	4	13	4	4	3	5	33
Write-Ins - Diana O'Neill	10	0	0	0	0	2	12
Write-Ins- Scattered	13	14	5	9	11	5	57
Blanks	759	1035	435	708	730	602	4269
Total	1323	1782	786	1248	1245	996	7380

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2000

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 12th Day of June, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. It was immediately moved and Voted to Recess to the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium immediately.

The Special Town Meeting was re-called to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium by Moderator Richard C. Dailey, with quorum present.

The following counters were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by Town Clerk Janet Andrus Linehan: Jonathan Richman, Barry DunKley, William Meehan, Charles Willis, John Kent, Colleen Corona, Clifford Skip Davis, Gerard Marsan.

The following list of non-registered voters was approved for admittance to the hall: DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting) Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, School Principal; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; Jerome Burke, Director of Southeastern Regional High School; Mr. Tepper, Wedgewood Drive. MEDIA: Easton Journal: Tim Lavallee; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Richard Murphy. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon, State Senator JoAnne Sprague, State Representative Geraldine Creedon, State Representative David Flynn. MICROPHONE CARRIERS:
Ben Farrell, Erin Dewey, Nick Benjamin, OAHS Honor Society; Adam Paicos, Nicholas Paicos.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the non-binding reports of the Planning and Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 1 through 7, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

***VOTED** TO ACCEPT THE NON-BINDING REPORTS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 7.*

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to Section 5-4 C. therein, (Aquifer Protection Districts – Prohibited Uses), by deleting item 4. (Packaged sewage treatment plants) and renumbering subsequent items accordingly; and further that Section 5-4 E. (Special Permit Uses) be amended by adding a new item 3 thereto, to read as follows:

3. Packaged sewage treatment plants

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to amend 7-11 Flood Plain, A) District Delineation to reflect current dates coinciding with the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study. The language for this paragraph would now read:

A) District Delineation: The general boundaries of the Flood Plain District are shown on the Easton Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated August 9, 2000, as Zones A, A 1-30 to indicate the 100 year flood plain. The exact boundaries of the District are defined by the 100-year flood water surface elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Profiles contained in the Flood Insurance Study dated August 9, 2000. The Floodway boundaries are delineated on the Easton Flood Boundary Floodway Map (FBFM) dated May 16, 1995 and further defined by the Floodway Data Tables contained in the Flood Insurance Study. These two maps, as well as the accompanying Study, are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Planning & Zoning Board.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND 7-11 FLOOD PLAIN, A) DISTRICT DELINEATION TO REFLECT CURRENT DATES COINCIDING WITH THE REVISED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) AND FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY. THE LANGUAGE FOR THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD NOW READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated April 12, 1999 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows, from Residential to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Property purchased by the Town of Easton, identified as 445 Bay Road, consisting of 50 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map U50 as Lot 50.
2. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Parcel B, 12 R Lewis Road, consisting of 18.05 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 381.
3. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Lot 7-22 Clara Howard Way, consisting of 10.813 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map U2 as Lot 35.
4. Property purchased by the Town of Easton, identified as 254 and 256 Elm Street, consisting of 17.7 acres and 11.2 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map U9 as Lot 40 and Map U9 as Lot 53.
5. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Lot B-210R Prospect Street, consisting of 14.85 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map R19 as Lot 43.
6. Property purchased by the Town of Easton identified as Parcel A-1R Misty Brook Lane, consisting of 16.27 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 382.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED APRIL 12, 1999 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS:

BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE:

1. *PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, IDENTIFIED AS 445 BAY ROAD, CONSISTING OF 50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U50 AS LOT 50.*
2. *PROPERTY GIFTED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL B, 12 R LEWIS ROAD, CONSISTING OF 18.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R8 AS LOT 381.*
3. *PROPERTY GIFTED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON, IDENTIFIED AS LOT 7-22 CLARA HOWARD WAY, CONSISTING OF 10.813 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U2 AS LOT 35.*
4. *PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, IDENTIFIED AS 254 AND 256 ELM STREET, CONSISTING OF 17.7 ACRES AND 11.2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U9 AS LOT 40 AND MAP U9 AS LOT 53.*
5. *PROPERTY GIFTED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON, IDENTIFIED AS LOT B-210R PROSPECT STREET, CONSISTING OF 14.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R19 AS LOT 43.*
6. *PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL A-1R MISTY BROOK LANE, CONSISTING OF 16.27 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R8 AS LOT 382.*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map, dated April 12, 1999 (original date March 7, 1973), by changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land now owned by the Natural Resources Trust, from Residential to Municipal & Open Space, and described as follows:

261-267 Main Street, consisting of 40 acres, more or less, shown on Assessor's Map U17 as Lots 165 and 165 A; purchased from Oliver Ames Parker in October 1999.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP, DATED APRIL 12, 1999 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MUNICIPAL & OPEN SPACE, AND DESCRIBED AS DESCRIBED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to update and amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated April 12, 1999 (original date March 7, 1973), which has been updated with zoning changes previously approved at the Annual Town Meeting of April 12, 1999. These changes include:

1. Assessor's Map U16, Lot 98 (8 Lincoln Street, Lincoln Street Intermediate School), consisting of 2.5 acres, more or less; Municipal & Open Space to Business;
2. Parcel A-2 shown on Assessor's Map R8, Lot 20 consisting of 21.042 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
3. Parcel shown as Assessor's Map R9 as Lot 1, consisting of 14.46 acres, more or less, located at 135 Eastman Street; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;

4. Parcel 60 C shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 285, consisting of 6 acres, more or less, located at 130 R Blackbrook Road; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
5. 276 Bay Road shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 372 consisting of 44 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
6. 10 Joseph Road shown on Assessor's Map U51 as Lot 56 consisting of 5.84 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
7. Parcel B as shown on the subdivision plan known as "Mill Pond Estates" consisting of 9.386 acres, more or less, and being a part of a parcel of land shown on Assessor's Map R4 as Lot 40; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
8. Parcel A as shown on the subdivision plan known as "Mill Pond Estates" consisting of 6.664 acres, more or less, and being a part of a parcel of land shown on Assessor's Map R4 as Lot 40; Residential to Municipal & Open Space;
9. Lot 3, 147 Poquanticut Avenue, consisting of 7.13 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map R7 as Lot 162; Residential to Municipal & Open Space.

The new zoning map is entitled:

"The Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map," dated June 12, 2000.

A copy of the updated zoning map is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and the Planning & Zoning Board Office.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED APRIL 12, 1999 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH ZONING CHANGES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 12, 1999 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By Law, specifically, by adding Section 12-10 which would allow an associate member of the Planning and Zoning Board to serve only in matters when the Planning and Zoning Board serves as Special Permit Granting Authority. The specific language being as follows:

12-10. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

A. Membership

There shall be a Planning and Zoning Board of five members and one associate member who all shall be residents of the Town of Easton.

B. Appointment

The five members of the Planning and Zoning shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of five years and so arranged that the term of one member will expire each year. One associate member shall also be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of two years to act solely on applications for Special Permit.

Once an associate member is authorized and the position is filled, the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board may designate the associate member to sit on the Board for purposes of acting on a Special Permit application, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, section 9, in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest of a regular member, or a vacancy on the board.

C. Powers

The Board shall have the powers granted under the Zoning Act and the Subdivision Control Law, and shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By Law in the manner prescribed in Chapter 40A and Chapter 41.

D. Adoption of Rules

The Board shall adopt rules to govern its proceedings pursuant to the Zoning Act and the Subdivision Control Law.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY LAW, SPECIFICALLY, BY ADDING SECTION 12-10 WHICH WOULD ALLOW AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO SERVE ONLY IN MATTERS WHEN THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD SERVES AS SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY. THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE BEING AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 223 thereof, by deleting section 223-64 (Mandatory water use restrictions) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 1 **Authority**

This Bylaw is adopted by the Town under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L.c.40,§21 et seq. and implements the Town's authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L.c.41, §69B. This Bylaw also implements the Town's authority under M.G.L. c. 40 §41A, conditioned upon a declaration of a water supply emergency issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 2 **Purpose**

The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3 **Definitions**

Person shall mean any individual, corporation trust, partnership or association, or other entity.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L.c.21G, §15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this Bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 4 **Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation**

The Town, through its Water Commission, may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under section 6 of this Bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 5 **Restricted Water Uses**

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under section 6.

(a) **Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering** Outdoor watering by water users with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even numbered addresses is restricted to even numbered days.

(b) **Outdoor Watering Ban** Outdoor watering is prohibited.

(c) **Outdoor Watering Hours** Outdoor watering is permitted only during daily periods of low demand, to be specified in the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and public notice thereof.

(d) **Filling Swimming Pools** Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.

(e) **Automatic Sprinkler Use** The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited.

Section 6 **Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notification of DEP**

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply Conservation. Any restriction imposed under section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 7 **Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notice**

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Water Commission, upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Public notification of the termination a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given in the same manner required by section 6.

Section 8 **State of Water Supply Emergency; Compliance with DEP Orders**

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

Section 9 **Penalties**

Any person violating this Bylaw shall be given a written warning for the first violation. Any person violating this Bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of $50.00 for the second violation and $100 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the

Town for such uses as the Water Commission may direct. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with section 21D of chapter 40 of the general laws. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 10 **Severability**

The invalidity of any portion or provision of the Bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 223 THEREOF, BY DELETING SECTION 223-64 (MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING NEW CHAPTER 223 ENTITLED "WATER USE REGULATION" TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 202 of the code of the Town of Easton by adding a new ARTICLE IV thereto, said section to be entitled "Use of Rights-of-Way" and to read as follows:

I. PREAMBLE

In partial fulfillment of the obligation to see to the prudential management of the Town's affairs and assets and in light of the continuing technological revolution in telecommunications, the recent passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the de-regulation of the electric and natural gas industries in the Commonwealth, the Town hereby establishes a comprehensive and fair system of regulation for all entities which desire to use the Town's Rights-of-Way.

II. INTRODUCTION

The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to:

a. Provide the Town with accurate and current information concerning all Facilities located in the Town's Rights-of-Way together with current information concerning entities owning or controlling the Facilities, and
b. Permit and manage reasonable access to the public Rights-of-Way on a competitively neutral basis, and
c. Manage Grants of Location in Public Ways, and
d. Conserve the limited physical capacity of the Rights-of-Way held in public trust by the Town, and
e. Assure that the Town is appropriately compensated when its Rights-of-Ways are utilized by non-governmental entities, and
f Assure that the Town's current and on-going costs of granting and regulating private access to and use of the public Right-of-Way are fully paid by the persons seeking such access and causing such costs, and
g. Assure that the Town can continue to fairly and responsibly protect the public health, safety and welfare.

This by-law is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment Article 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution, M.G.L. Chapter 43B section 13, M.G.L. Chapter 40 sections 4, 21 and 22F, and Chapter 85.

III. DEFINITIONS

Applicant: Any person or entity, including without limitation implied, Public Utility, Telecommunications Carrier, Local Exchange Carrier or municipal department which owns or exercises general responsibility and control over any Facility.

Application: The written application on a form prescribed by the Awarding Authority with any required documentation and the Application Fee by which an Applicant or Co-Locator requests a Right-of-Way Permit.

Application Fee: A fifty dollar ($50.00) non-refundable processing fee which shall accompany each application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

Attachment: Any device, apparatus, appliance, equipment, wire or cable or other thing including any Telecommunication Facility installed or proposed to be installed on or in any Existing Facility whether by Applicant or Co-Locator or proposed to be installed on any New Facility by Applicant or Co-Locator.

Awarding Authority: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Easton which has authority to exercise the powers granted by this By-Law.

Co-Locator: Any person or entity other than Applicant who desires to use an Existing or New Facility.

Contractor: All officers or employees of Applicant or Co-Locator who perform or any person or entity engaged by or on behalf of Applicant or Co-Locator to perform construction, repair or maintenance work on Overhead or Underground Facilities owned by Applicant and permitted by the Awarding Authority which are located in the Right-of-Way. The Contractor for purposes of this By-Law and for all questions of liability in connection with any construction, repair or maintenance work on Overhead or Underground Facilities owned by Applicant which are located in the Right-of-Way shall be conclusively deemed an agent of Applicant or Co-Locator for whom Applicant or Co-Locator is fully responsible.

Default: The failure of the Permit Holder (including all Contractors or other agents of Permit Holder) (i) to pay when due any License Rental, (ii) to perform fully any covenant of the License or otherwise fail to comply with any provision of the License Agreement, the Right-of-Way Permit or the By-Law following ten days prior written notice to Licensee from Town (iii) to keep its Certificate of Insurance in full force and effect, or (iv) to provide the service that is outlined in its Application (except for interruptions in service due to Emergency Repair Work) for a period of six consecutive months.

DTE: The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy created by Chapter 25 M.G.L.

Effective Date: The date upon which this By-Law becomes effective.

Emergency Repair Work: Right-of-Way Work which must be commenced immediately to correct a hazardous condition in which the safety of the public is in imminent danger, such as a threat to life or health of the public or where immediate correction is required to maintain or restore essential Public Utility service.

Excess Capacity: The volume or capacity in any Existing Facility that is not being used or is not proposed to be used as part of a concrete plan for the future at the time that an Application is made for a Right-of-Way Permit by an Applicant or Co-Locator.

Existing Facility: An Overhead or Underground Facility which is in existence on the date of the Application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

Facility: Any Overhead or Underground Facility or Attachment thereto including without limitation any utility or other pipe, duct, line, Pole, wire, cable, Transmission Line, conduit, pedestal, wave guide, dish, antenna, electronic or other thing located or proposed to be located in, on, above, along, under or across a Right-of-Way.

FCC: Federal Communications Commission.

Grandfathered Facility: An Overhead or Underground Facility in existence on the Effective Date.

Grant of Location: Permission granted by the Awarding Authority of the Town to a Public Utility, in order to conduct its Regulated Activities, to locate Poles, piers, abutments or conduits or Attachments thereto or railway routes on, in, above, along, under or across a Public Way in accordance with the procedures set out in M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 22, Chapter 161 section 70, Chapter 162 section 8 and with this By-Law.

Grant of Location Applicant: An Applicant or Co-Locator which is a Public Utility conducting a business described in section 21 of Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Highway Superintendent: That individual, appointed or elected in accordance with Chapter 41, sections 1, 66 or 69E of the M.G.L.

Inspector of Wires: That individual appointed by the Town to fulfill the responsibilities set out in M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 32.

License Agreement: An Agreement between the Town and an Applicant owner of a Facility setting forth detailed contractual terms and obligations of the owner of a Facility and entered into incident to the grant of a Right-of-Way Permit.

Licensed Contractor: A Contractor who holds a current and valid Public Works Construction License issued by the Awarding Authority.

Local Exchange Carrier: Every person or entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, operates and manages plant, equipment or property within the Town used or to be used for the purpose of offering telephone service and which is licensed by the FCC and certified by the DTE under C. 159 M.G.L. as a local exchange carrier.

Measurable Interference: Interference as defined by FCC Regulations (47 C.F.R.) which affects the Telecommunications Services provided by a Permit Holder.

Modification: A material physical change to an Existing Facility such that its use or capacity is materially altered.

New Facility: An Overhead or Underground Facility or an Attachment that has not yet been constructed but that is proposed and described in an Application for a Right-of-Way Permit.

Normal Working Hours: 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Occupied Area: The area in square feet to be occupied by an Overhead Facility (including space adjacent to the Facility and rendered practically unusable by others whether because of physical limitations or potential Measurable Interference or otherwise) all as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority. In the case of Pole lines, for the purposes of computing square feet, the width dimension generally shall be determined with reference to the maximum distance that protuberances such as crossarms, guy wires, etc. extend perpendicularly from the center-line of the Poles. Also included in the license for a Pole and at no additional rental, is the right to penetrate the surface of the Right-of-Way to the depth reasonably necessary to support the Pole.

Occupied Volume: The volume measured in cubic feet occupied by an Underground Facility (including space adjacent to the Facility rendered practically unusable by others whether because of physical limitations or potential Measurable Interference or otherwise) all as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority.

Overhead Facility: Any tower, Telecommunication Facility and Pole including Poles and Overhead Wires and Associated Overhead Structures including Attachments located or proposed to be located above the surface of the Right-of-Way including the underground supports and foundations for such facilities.

Overhead License Rental Payment: The annual dollar amount to be paid by an Applicant to the Town for using the Right-of-Way for an Overhead Facility.

Overhead License Rental Rate: Shall have the meaning subscribed to it and shall be computed annually as set out in Section VIII A of this By-Law.

Permit Holder: An Applicant or Co-Locator to whom a Right-of-Way Permit has been granted.

Permit Term: The period commencing on the date of filing of an Application and ending upon the earlier to occur of: (i) the expiration of the useful life of the Facility as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority or (ii) thirty years from the date of Application.

Planning Board: The Planning Board of the Town of Easton.

Pole or Poles and Overhead Wires and Associated Overhead Structures: poles, towers, supports, wires, conductors, guys, stubs, platforms, crossarms, braces, transformers, insulators, cut-outs, switches, communication circuits, appliances attachments, and appurtenances located above ground, upon, along or across any Public Way or private ways of the Town and used or useful in the transmission of intelligence by electricity or otherwise, or for the transmission of television signals, whether by electricity or otherwise, or for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, or for the construction or operation of a street railway or an electric railroad; provided, that said phrase shall not mean or include any of the following: poles, towers, overhead wires and associated overhead structures used exclusively in the transmission but not the distribution of electricity; poles used exclusively for police and fire alarm boxes or any similar municipal equipment installed under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the engineer of the municipality; wires (exclusive of supporting structures) crossing any portion of any underground utility district from which overhead wires have been prohibited, or connecting to buildings on the perimeter of such portion, when such wires originate in an area from which poles and overhead wires and associated overhead structures are not prohibited; overhead wires attached to the exterior surface of a building by means of a bracket or other fixture and extending from one location on the same building or to an adjacent building without crossing any public Right-of-Way; radio antennae, their associate equipment and supporting structures used by a utility for furnishing communication services; and service terminals including transformers in pedestals above ground used to distribute electric or communication service in underground systems.

Pole Attachment: An Attachment which is a wire or cable for transmission of intelligence by telegraph, telephone or television, including cable television, or for the transmission of electricity for light, heat, or power or for the transmission of Telecommunications Services and any related device, apparatus, appliance. or equipment installed upon any Pole or in any telegraph duct or conduit owned or controlled in whole or in part by one or more Public Utility.

Public Utility: A gas and electric Company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 164, telephone and telegraph company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166, cable TV company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, water and aqueduct company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 165, or street railway subject to M.G.L. Chapter161 or electric railroad subject to M.G.L. Chapter 162.

Public Utility Use: The use of a Facility by a Public Utility during the Permit Term in conducting its Regulated Activities but not including any non-Public Utility use by such Public Utility or any use by a non-regulated affiliate of a Public Utility or any other use by any other person or entity.

Public Way: Any road (including such appurtenances as berms, curbs, drains, sewers, water mains, sidewalks and paved and unpaved shoulders within the paper lay-out) to which the public has access and that the Town is responsible for maintaining.

Public Works Construction License: A license required of all Contractors who are not officers or employees of a Public Utility or of a municipal department who wish to perform Street Opening Work in the Public Ways of the Town.

Regulated Activities (of Public Utilities): The transmission of natural gas and electricity by a gas or electric Company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 164, the transmission of voice or telegraph messages by a telephone and telegraph company subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166, the transmission of video broadcoasts by television or cable television (including other activities deemed incidental thereto by federal law) subject to M.G.L. Chapter 166A, the provision of street railway services subject to M.G.L. Chapter 161 or transportation by electric railroad subject to M.G.L. Chapter 162.

Right-of-Way: The surface and space on, along, above and below any real property which is a Public Way or other way in which the Town has an interest in law or equity, whether held in fee or other estate or interest, or as trustee for the public, including, but not limited to any public street, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, lane, alley, court, sidewalk, parkway, river, tunnel, viaduct, bridge, park, skyway, or skyway bridge.

Right-of-Way Permit: A permit granted by the Awarding Authority to an Applicant for permission to construct, to repair and maintain, and to use Overhead and Underground Facilities that it owns and which are located or to be located in the Right-of-Way. Also a Permit granted by the Awarding Authority to a Co-Locator for an Attachment to a New or Existing Facility.

Right-of-Way Work: Any construction, repair or maintenance of utility or other pipes, ducts, lines, poles, wires, cables, conduits, pedestals, antennas, dishes, electronics or other thing located in, on, above, under or across a Right-of-Way.

Street Opening Work: Any cutting, excavating, compacting, construction, repair or other disturbance in or under a Public Way together with restoration of the Public Way in accordance with the Town's Street Opening By-Law following such disturbance but excluding the location or relocation of utility poles for which a Grant of Location has been obtained pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 166 section 22.

Telecommunications: The transmission between or among points specified by the user of information of the user's choosing without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

Telecommunications Carrier: Every person or entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, operates or manages plant, equipment or property within the Town used or to be used for the purpose of offering Telecommunications Service and which is licensed by the FCC and certified by the DTE under C. 159 M.G.L. as a Telecommunications common carrier.

Telecommunications Facility: A Facility other than customer premises equipment used by a Telecommunications Carrier to provide Telecommunications Service and includes software integral to such equipment (including upgrades), cables, wires, lines, wave guides, electronics, dishes and antennas.

Telecommunications Service: The offering of Telecommunications for a fee directly to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public regardless of the Telecommunications Facilities used.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996: Public Law 104-104- Feb. 8, 1996. 110 Stat. 57.

Town: The Town of Easton.

Transmission Line: Lines and associated structures used for the transmission of electric energy sold, or to be sold, at wholesale in interstate commerce.

Underground Facility: Any pipe, duct, line and conduit and Telecommunications Facility or other thing including Attachments located or proposed to be located under the surface of the ground but excluding the underground foundations or supports for Overhead Facilities.

Underground License Rental Payment: The annual dollar amount to be paid by an Applicant for use of the Right-of-Way for an Underground Facility.

Underground License Rental Rate: Shall have the meaning subscribed to it and shall be computed annually as set out in Paragraph VIII B of this By-Law.

Usable Space: The total usable capacity of any Overhead or Underground Facility located in the Right-of-Way as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority.

IV. NECESSITY OF A PERMIT

No work in, on, under, along, above or across a Right-of-Way or use of a Right-of-Way shall commence until the Applicant and any Co-Locator each shall have applied for and obtained from the Awarding Authority a Right-of-Way Permit. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities and any Co-Locator with Grandfathered Facilities located in the Right-of-Way shall be deemed to have applied for and been granted a valid Right-of-Way Permit for the Permit Term for such Facilities and to be subject to all of the provisions of the License Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

An Applicant or Co-Locator which wishes to continue to use a Grandfathered Facility after the expiration of the Permit Term each must file an Application and treat such Facility as a New Facility. From and after the Effective Date, Applicant or Co-Locator must also obtain a Right-of-Way Permit for any modification of or new Attachment to a Grandfathered Facility.

Any Applicant or Co-Locator which is using a Grandfathered Facility for any purpose other than a Public Utility Use must notify the Town of such use of each such facility within 120 days after the Effective Date. Any Applicant or Co-Locator which after the Effective Date wishes to make a use of its Grandfathered Facility which is not a Public Utility Use must, prior to commencing such use, apply for and obtain a Right-of-Way Permit for such non-Public Utility Use.

Traffic lights, fire hydrants, mail boxes and intrusions in the Right-of-Way that are accessory uses to the primary use of the property such as awnings, balconies, over-hanging signs and sidewalk cafes are exempted from this By-Law.

Prior to the Town accepting a private way as a Public Way, such Applicant with a Facility located in, on, under or across the private way and each Co-Locator using such Facility including a Co-Locator Public Utility shall apply for and obtain a Right-of-Way Permit from the Awarding Authority.

A Public Utility that is petitioning for a Grant of Location in accordance with Ch. 166 section 22, Ch. 161 section 70, or Ch. 162 section 8 of the M.G.L. as part of its Application for a Right-of-Way Permit shall so indicate on the Application. A Right-of-Way Permit granted to a Public Utility for a Facility to the extent of Public Utility Use shall constitute a Grant of Location as well.

No Right-of-Way Permit shall be granted unless Applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Awarding Authority that sufficient Existing Capacity remains in Existing Facilities to accommodate an Attachment or that Applicant will construct New Facilities in accordance with the requirements of this By-Law. Except for Transmission Lines, in the event that all of the Usable Space of Existing Overhead Facilities has been used up, the Town may in its reasonable discretion require that the Applicant construct New Underground Facilities.

All construction work contemplated by this By-Law shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner using best engineering and construction practices and shall be done in accordance with (i) all applicable laws and regulations, (ii) all of the provisions of this By-Law, (iii) any conditions contained in the Right-of-Way Permit, and (iv) such reasonable supplemental instructions not inconsistent with the foregoing as the Awarding Authority or its authorized representative may from time to time issue. Work that involves Street Opening Work must comply with the Town's Street Opening By-Law.

No person or entity may perform any work in or under a Right-of-Way unless it is a Permit Holder and (i) is a municipal department, Public Utility, Telecommunications Carrier or Local Exchange Carrier or their respective officers or employees or (ii) has engaged a Licensed Contractor and such holder performs all such Right-of-Way Work as agent of Permit-Holder.

V. REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION

A. Information Required of All Applicants and Co-Locators

Applicants or Co-Locators seeking a Right-of-Way Permit shall file on forms designated by the Awarding Authority a completed and signed Application at the office of the Awarding Authority which shall include the following information:

1. The identity and legal status of the Applicant or Co-Locator including any parent or affiliated corporation.
2. The address and telephone number of the corporation and the name of the officer, agent or employee responsible for the accuracy of the Application.
3. If a Public Utility (or municipal department), the federal identification number of the entity. All others must in addition specify their FCC license number and submit evidence of certification by the DTE.
4. A general description of Applicant's Existing Overhead or Underground Facilities within the Town that it is using to provide service and the service that it is currently providing.
5. A detailed description of the service that Applicant or Co-Locator intends to offer or provide to persons, firms, businesses or institutions within the Town and whether the use of the Facility to provide the service will constitute a Public Utility Use.
6. A detailed description of the Underground or Overhead Facilities Applicant or Co-Locator intends to use or construct, their useful life and full dimensions of the proposed Facility including but not limited to the following: height of Poles, number of wires and their diameter, height of wires above the Right-of-Way, voltage of electric transmission lines, diameter of mains and conduits.
7. Maps or plans showing the exact location of the Existing or proposed New Facility in the Right-of-Way using engineering metes and bounds, street names and intersecting street names. Show a north arrow.
8. A statement as to whether New Facilities will be built or Existing Facilities will be used and who is the Applicant with respect to such Facility.
9. In the case of a Co-Locator seeking a Permit for an Attachment to a Facility the Applicant of which is exempt in whole or part from the obligation to make Annual License Rental Payment for the Facility as provided herein, such application shall be made jointly by Applicant and Co-Locator. Each must sign the application and Applicant must acknowledge in a writing in form and substance satisfactory to the Town, its obligation to pay the amount, if any, of Annual License Rental Payment due the Town in respect of such Attachment.
10. The names of Co-Locators who share or will share the Facility. Applicants must provide evidence that Co-Locators have received their own Right-of-Way Permit and identify all pending Co-Locator Applications.
11. Evidence that Applicant or Co-Locator has obtained all other governmental approvals and permits needed to use Existing Facilities and to offer or provide services.

B. Petitions for Grants of Location

Applicants or Co-Locators that are Public Utilities and that are seeking a Grant of Location as part of the Right-of-Way Permit shall also provide the following information as part of the application:

1. A statement as to the demonstrated need to construct the New Facility or make an Attachment to an Existing Facility.
2. A list of abutters' names and addresses.
3. The kind, size and tested strength of supporting or service wires for Poles.
4. The maximum voltage that will be transmitted over wires and the maximum cubic feet of gas that will be transported through mains.
5. The size and pressure of gas mains and what the main is made of.
6. A list of all posts, Poles or other supports of wires included in the Grant of Location.
7. The number of cross arms in use with each Pole and the number of wires that are already attached thereto and the number of wires that are proposed.
8. The location of conduits and manholes in relation to the Existing Underground Facilities and proposed New Underground Facilities.

C. Applications for New Facilities must Submit Additional Information.

If New Facilities are to be constructed, Applicant must submit the following additional information as part of the Application:

1. Preliminary engineering plans, specifications and a Site Plan of the facilities to be located within the Right-of-Way at a scale of one inch equals forty (40) feet which shall show (i) all property lines, (ii) the exact location of the proposed New Facilities, and (iii)
Existing Facilities, streets, landscape features, residential dwellings, and all buildings
located within five hundred feet (500') of the New Facility prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.
2. A network map showing the location and route of the New Facilities superimposed on the Public Ways of the Town on a scale of one inch equals one hundred feet (100') prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.
3. the location of all Existing Facilities located along the proposed route.
4. the specific trees, structures, improvements, facilities and obstructions, if any, that
Applicant proposes to temporarily or permanently remove or relocate.
5. evidence as to what, if any, Excess Capacity is available for Attachments to Existing
Facilities located along the proposed route with a specification of how much Excess Capacity will exist after the installation of the New Facility. If co-location is not proposed, an affidavit attesting to the fact that Applicant made diligent but unsuccessful efforts to obtain permission to install or co-locate New Facilities on Existing Facilities,
the reason for the denial of co-location and whether an appeal to the DTE has been adjudicated.
6. If New Facilities are to be constructed, the Excess Capacity that will exist in or on them after their installation and use by the Applicant and any identified Co-Locator.
7. The useful life of the Proposed Facility or Attachment.
8. Information as to the type and frequency of any Telecommunications Equipment that will be installed.
9. A preliminary construction schedule and completion date.
10. Financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting
principles demonstrating Applicant's financial ability to construct, operate, maintain, relocate and remove the proposed Facilities.
11. Information in sufficient detail to establish Applicant's technical qualifications,
experience and expertise regarding the Facilities to be constructed and operated.
12. Evidence that Applicant has obtained all other governmental approvals and
permits needed to construct the New Facilities.
13. The name of the Licensed Contractor who will perform the construction work or
a copy of the Public Works Construction License that Applicant has obtained from the Town.
14. An Application Fee.
15 A Certificate of Insurance in coverages as specified in Section VI-J of this By-Law.
16. Such other and further information as may be reasonably required by the Awarding Authority.

VI. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Upon receipt of a completed and signed Application, it will be forwarded to the Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and the Inspector of Wires for review. The Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and Inspector of Wires shall promptly review the Application and make written recommendations concerning approval to the Awarding Authority and, if appropriate, shall include recommendations concerning permit conditions and supplemental instructions.

If the Application involves the construction of New Facilities, the modification of Existing Facilities or a program of Attachments the total construction cost of any of the foregoing is estimated to exceed one million dollars, the Town may require the Applicant to enter into an agreement with the Town to reimburse the Town for the reasonable cost of engineering review by the Town's consultant of the plans submitted. Applicants shall submit a deposit to secure the cost of this review which will be held in a segregated account in accordance with C. 44 section 53G of the Mass. General Laws.

If the Right-of-Way Application includes a Petition of the Applicant for a Grant of Location, the Awarding Authority shall promptly schedule a public hearing and, if required by statute, publish a public notice of the hearing. Owners of property abutting the property on which the New Facility is proposed will be notified

by the Town at least fourteen days prior to the public hearing and given the opportunity to speak at the public hearing and present evidence.

The Awarding Authority shall review the Application, any evidence presented at a Grant of Location public hearing, and the recommendations received from the Highway Superintendent, Planning Board and Inspector of Wires and make a prompt determination on the Application taking into account the recommendations received, testimony and evidence presented if any, and such other facts as it may reasonably consider such as:

A. The likelihood that the New Facility will incommode the public use of public ways or endanger or interrupt navigation.
B. The financial and technical ability of the Applicant or Co-Locator to construct New Facilities or to use the Right-of-Way.
C. The capacity of the Right-of-Way to accommodate the proposed New Facilities, modifications or Attachments.
D. The capacity of the Right-of-Way to accommodate additional New Facilities if the Permit is granted.
E. Potential damage or disruption (including Measurable Interference with Telecommunications Services) to Existing Facilities, or public property if the Permit is granted.
F. The effect, if any, on public health, safety and welfare if the Permit is granted.
G. The availability of alternate routes and/or locations for the proposed New Facilities.
H. Applicable federal and state laws and Town by-laws which might prohibit or affect the Permit if granted.

If the Application is considered favorably, a Right-of-Way Permit containing such conditions and supplemental instructions as the Awarding Authority reasonably deems appropriate shall promptly issue upon the satisfaction of any conditions precedent which the Awarding Authority may establish. If the Application is not favorably considered, the Awarding Authority shall communicate in writing to Applicant of Co-Locator the reasons its Application was not favorably considered.

If a Grant of Location has been requested as part of the Application for a Right-of-Way Permit and the Application has been considered favorably, the Right-of-Way Permit shall also constitute an Order Granting the Location. The Grant of Location will specify where the New Facility or Attachment may be placed, and (with the exception of Grants of Location for Transmission Lines) the kind of Poles, piers or abutments which may be used, the number of wires or cables which may be attached thereto, the height to which the wires or cables may run and the maximum voltage between conductors to be carried through same. Grants of Locations for Poles are limited to one Pole per Location. The Grant of Location may contain such other conditions and supplemental instructions as the Awarding Authority reasonably deems appropriate.

VII. TERMS OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT

A. Conditions of Permit.

All Right-of-Way Permits granted are conditioned upon 1) the Applicant having obtained and submitted to the Awarding Authority, prior to construction and installation of its New Facilities, a Bond as required in sub-section (K)(2) hereafter, 2) Permit Holder's Agreement to make any Excess Capacity of its Facility available to other Applicants on commercially practical and technically feasible terms, 3) to the extent feasible and subject to reasonable availability and agreement between a Telecommunications Carrier and the Town concerning price, maintenance, access and security, interconnection of the New Telecommunications Facility with public buildings and 4) the execution and delivery of a Town of Easton Right-of-Way License Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to the Awarding Authority.

B. Permit Term

Rights-of-Way Permits shall be valid for the period commencing on the date of filing of an Application and ending upon the earlier to occur of: (i) the expiration of the useful life of the Facility as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority or (ii) thirty years from the date of the Application. A Permit

Holder desiring to continue to use the Facility after the expiration of the Permit Term shall not more than 180 days nor less than 90 days before expiration of the current Permit file an Application with the Town for a Permit as though the Existing Facility were a proposed New Facility. Each Co-Locator must also file for a new Permit.

C. Revocation of Permits.

Except to the extent that a Right-of-Way Permit also constitutes a statutory Grant of Location and current law limits the ability of the Awarding Authority to revoke a Grant of Location, the Awarding Authority during the Permit Term may revoke a Right-of-Way Permit granted hereunder after notice and hearing if it shall reasonably determine that (i) Permit Holder is in Default (ii) Permit Holder fails to construct the Facilities for which a Permit was granted within six months of the granting of the Permit (iii) Permit Holder has failed to relocate its Facility or Attachment to a new location within the designated time following an order from the Awarding Authority to relocate such Facility or Attachment or (iv) if the Awarding Authority determines that public necessity and convenience requires the revocation of a Grant of Location held by a street railway. The Permit-Holder shall be given not less than ten days prior written notice of the time and place of the hearing on revocation and shall have the opportunity at the public hearing to present evidence.

D. Removal of Facilities.

Following revocation of the Permit or the expiration of the Permit Term without an application to continue to use the Facility unless then existing statutes shall require a different result and, if ordered by the Town, Permit Holder shall cease using the Right-of-Way. Permit Holder shall remove all of its Overhead and Underground Facilities from the Right-of-Way and restore the area to its original condition within six months following expiration or revocation of the Permit. In the event that the Permit Holder fails to remove its Facilities, the Awarding Authority may treat such as abandoned property and, among other remedies, remove the Facilities and restore the area at the owner's sole cost and expense.

E. Removal of Unauthorized Facilities.

With the exception of Permits held by municipal departments and permits held by Public Utilities, within thirty days following written notice from the Town, any person or entity
that owns, controls or maintains any Overhead or Underground Facilities located within the Right-of-Way for which a Permit has not been obtained and which is not a Grandfathered Facility shall apply for a Permit and may request a hearing before the Awarding Authority and shall have the opportunity at the hearing to present evidence. If the Application for a Permit is denied, Applicant shall, at its own expense, remove such Facilities from the Right-of-Way and restore the area to its original condition within six months of the date of the denial of the Permit.

In the event that the Applicant fails to remove its Facilities, the Awarding Authority may treat such as abandoned property and, among other remedies, remove the Facility and restore the area at owner's sole cost and expense.

F. Re-Location of Facilities due to Public Necessity

The location of any Overhead or Underground Facility covered by a Right-of-Way Permit may be changed by order of the Awarding Authority if it determines in its reasonable discretion that public necessity requires relocation of the Facility. Except for Emergency Repair Work, Applicant is required to notify all Co-Locators upon receiving an order to relocate the Facility from the Awarding Authority. Applicant and all Co-Locators shall, at their own expense, relocate their Facilities to such location as shall have been approved by the Awarding Authority within ninety days of the receipt of the order of the Awarding Authority. Upon relocation Applicant shall promptly supply Awarding Authority with "as built" plans of the relocated Facility. Following the transfer of the Facility and any Attachments from the Existing Facility to the New Facility, the Existing Facility shall be removed from the site within ninety days from the date of the completion of the transfer.

Unless directly and proximately caused by the willful, intentional or malicious acts by the Town, the Town shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of any Overhead or Underground Facility located in the Right-of-Way as a result of or in connection with any public works, public improvements, construction, excavation, grading, filling or work of any kind in the Right-of-Way by or on behalf of the Town. Rights-of-Way Permits and Grants of Location for Facilities that have been ordered to be relocated will be amended to reflect the new location once the Facilities have been re-located.

G. Assignment of Facilities

Except in connection with a transaction to which Section 15B of Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws applies, a Right-of Way Permit is not assignable. If a Permit-Holders transfers ownership or use of its Facilities to another entity, such entity must apply for and receive its own Permit in accordance with this By-Law.

H. Non-exclusive grant

No Permit granted under this By-Law shall confer an exclusive right, privilege, license or franchise to occupy or use the Right-of-Way of the Town for delivery of services or any other purposes. No Permit granted under this By-Law shall convey any right, title or interest in the Right-of-Way but shall be deemed a license to use and occupy the Right-of-Way in accordance with the terms of this By-Law and the Town of Easton Right-of-Way License Agreement. Further, no Permit shall be construed as a warranty of title. A Permit granted shall be limited to a license to use only that specific portion of a Right-of-Way as specified in the Plan that accompanies the Application and in any Permit or License Agreement.

I. Co-Location of Facilities

Issuance of a Right-of-Way Permit is conditioned upon the agreement of the Applicant to make Excess Capacity available to other Co-Locators on commercially practical and technically feasible terms. All New Facilities for which a Right-of-Way Permit has been issued shall be constructed, installed and located in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Attachments shall be installed within Existing Underground or Overhead Facilities whenever Excess Capacity exists within such Existing Facility.

2. Whenever Existing Facilities have been required by the Town to be located Underground within a Right-of-Way, no Permit will be granted for an Overhead Facility.

3. Whenever any Existing Facility is required by the Town for reasons of public necessity to be relocated, each Applicant owner shall relocate its Facilities within a reasonable period of time and all Co-Locators who share the Facility shall, absent extraordinary circumstances or undue hardship as determined by the Awarding Authority, also relocate their Attachments concurrently to minimize the disruption of the Right-of-Way.

4. Whenever New Underground Facilities must be constructed because the Excess Capacity of Existing Facilities has been exhausted, Applicant shall anticipate its needs for at least thirty years and is encouraged to construct New Underground Facilities sufficient to meet its needs for this time period as well as provide Excess Capacity to Co-Locators on commercially practical and technically feasible terms.

5. The Town reserves the right to place, free of charge, signal circuits, signal supply circuits and the equipment attached to these circuits belonging to the Town and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes on or in all Existing Facilities with Excess Capacity and on or in New Facilities then owned or controlled by an Applicant which is a Public Utility and shall be allowed access whenever necessary to place, maintain or remove its wires and cables.

J. Insurance

The Permit Holder shall acquire and continuously maintain while it possesses a Right-of-Way Permit liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment used to construct, operate, maintain and repair

the Overhead and Underground Facilities located within the Right-of-Way. This insurance must be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverages and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance- including operation, independent contractors, complete operations for a period of one (1) year from completing the street opening work, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury.

General Aggregate:	$ 2,000,000.00
Products and complete operations	
Aggregate	$ 2,000,000.00
Each occurrence	$ 1,000,000.00
Combined single limit	$ 1,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance (covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles)

Bodily Injury Liability	$ 500,000.00 each person
	$ 1,000,000.00 each accident
Property Damage Liability	$ 250,000.00 each accident
Combined Single Limit	$ 1,000,000.00

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Each Accident	$ 100,000.00
Disease- Policy Limit	$ 500,000.00
Disease- each Employee	$ 100,000.00

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the municipality shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance.

K. Construction Requirements

1. All Permit Holders are required to obtain a Building and Electrical Permit (if applicable), and (except for Poles and Attachments thereto) a Street Opening Permit from the Awarding Authority. Once commenced, construction shall proceed at an uninterrupted and consistent pace so that the Right-of-Way Work described in the Permit will be completed within a reasonable time.

2. Before commencing construction, Permit Holders shall submit to the Awarding Authority a Performance Bond, with corporate surety satisfactory to the Awarding Authority, in an amount equal to the value of the construction which shall assure:

a. the satisfactory completion of installation and commencement of operation of the system in accordance with the terms of the Permit,
b. the indemnity of the Town from and against any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, and installation of the Facilities authorized pursuant to the Permit,
c. the satisfactory restoration of adjoining property and public property in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.

This bond shall be maintained in force until one year after the completion of the construction work.

3. Construction of New Facilities must conform to the plan accompanying the Application and to the terms of the Permit and License Agreement. All Right-of-Way Work must conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Access Board Regulations as currently in effect.

4. Right-of-Way Work shall comply with the following:
   a. Working Hours. Except for Emergency Repair Work, Right-of-Way Work shall occur during Normal Working Hours. Permit Holder must give notice of the intended Right-of-Way Work seventy-two hours in advance to the Highway Superintendent and unless the requirement for a police detail is waived by the Police Chief of the Town, must arrange for and pay for a police detail to be

present throughout the period of time that the Right-of-Way Work is being conducted.

b. Obligation to Locate Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor must inform itself as to the existence and location of all Existing Facilities located in the same general area as the New Facilities are to be located and must confer with the owners therof in order to obtain information as to the vertical and horizontal locations of the Facilities and other conditions that might affect the Right-of-Way Work.

c. Non-Interference with Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor shall not interfere with an Existing Facility without the written consent of the Awarding Authority and the owner of the Existing Facility. If it becomes necessary to relocate an Existing Facility to accommodate the New Facility, this shall be done by its owner and the cost of such work shall be borne by the Permit Holder.

d. Dig Safe. Permit Holder shall, in accordance with Chapter 164 section 76D of the M.G.L., notify all Public Utilities seventy-two hours in advance of making any excavation in a Public Way. Such notification shall be made by means of obtaining a DIG-SAFE number. Said number shall be provided on the Street Opening Application.

e. Protection of Existing Facilities. Permit Holder or Contractor shall adequately support and protect by timbers, sheeting etc. all Existing Overhead or Underground Facilities which may be in any way affected by the Right-of-Way Work and shall do everything necessary to support, sustain and protect them under, over, along or across such work area. Excavation work shall be performed and conducted in such manner that it shall not interfere with access to fire stations, fire hydrants, water gates, underground vaults, catch basins or any other public structure.

f. Adjoining Property. Permit Holder or Contractor shall, at all times at its own expense, preserve and protect from injury any adjoining property and shall take such precautions as may be necessary for this purpose. Permit Holder shall be responsible for all damages to public or private property or streets resulting from its failure to properly protect and carry out the Right-of-Way Work.

g. Trees. Permit Holder or Contractor shall not remove, even temporarily, any trees or shrubs which exist in the Right-of-Way Work area without first obtaining the consent of the Town. In the event a tree is either accidentally destroyed by the Permit Holder or Contractor or is authorized for removal by the Town, Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove the tree, stump and debris from the work site and replace the tree with an identical species with a minimum caliper of two inches in the identical location.

h. Excavated Material. Permit Holder or Contractor shall remove all excess excavated materiel, surplus water, muck, silt, residue or other run-off pumped or removed from excavations from the Right-of-Way Work site.

i. Temporary Repairs of Underground Facilities. At the end of each day, all trenches must be plated if repair work is not completed. No un-plated trenches are permitted overnight and work in plated trenches must be continually prosecuted to completion to minimize the time trenches are plated.

j. Noise. Permit Holder or Contractor shall perform the Right-of-Way Work in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary inconvenience and annoyance to the general public and occupants of neighboring property. During the hours from 10:00 pm to 7:00am Permit Holder or Contractor shall not use, unless otherwise specifically permitted by the Awarding Authority any tool, appliance or equipment producing noise of sufficient volume to disturb the sleep or repose of occupants of the neighboring property.

k. Debris and Litter. All debris and litter remaining from the Right-of-Way Work site shall be removed by the Permit Holder or Contractor in a timely manner.

l. Lawn Surfaces and Plantings. All lawn surfaces which are disturbed during Right-of-Way Work shall be replaced with sod or six (6) inches of screened loam, lime, fertilized and re-seeded with good quality lawn seed. Any areas containing

plantings shall be restored to their original condition with the same or similar plantings.

m. Erosion Control. Permit Holder shall be responsible for all erosion control and for obtaining any necessary permits from the Town. Permit Holder or Contractor shall protect drainage structures from siltation by whatever means required including but not limited to the installation of hay bales and/or filter fabric. In the event that a drainage structure becomes damaged from siltation as a result of the Right-of-Way Work, Permit Holder or Contractor shall clean the structure before completing the Right-of-Way Work.

n. As Built Plans. Within 30 days following completion of construction of New Facilities, Permit Holder shall file with the Awarding Authority complete As-Built Plans of the New Facilities including an accurate map certifying the location of all Facilities within the Right-of-Way prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer or other qualified professional.

o. Tree trimming. Permit Holders who own and maintain Overhead Facilities are responsible for trimming trees or other vegetation growing in the Right-of-Way to prevent their branches or leaves from touching or otherwise interfering with the Overhead Facility. All trimming or pruning shall be at the sole expense of the Permit Holder and performed under the supervision of the Town.

L. Emergency Repair Work

When notified by the Town, Permit Holder is required to respond to calls for Emergency Repair Work within two hours of the notice and to commence repairs immediately upon arrival at the site.

M. Maintenance.

Permit Holder shall at all times employ ordinary and reasonable care and shall install and maintain in use nothing less than commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures of Overhead or Underground Facilities and accidents which are likely to cause damage, injuries or nuisances to the public. Owners of Poles shall, upon the receipt of written notice served by the Inspector of Wires, promptly make such substitution or repairs of such Poles, wires, posts, supports or attachments as may be required by the Inspector of Wires.

VIII. Rental Payments

Each Applicant holding a Right-of-Way Permit for a Facility, except to the extent exempt as provided in paragraph (C) hereafter, shall make an annual License Rental Payment to the Town for the non-exclusive right to use certain Rights-of-Way in the Town of Easton.

Annual License Rental Payments shall be computed as set out in paragraphs (A) and (B) hereafter.

A. Overhead License Rental Payments

1. The Overhead License Rental Payment for each Overhead Facility shall be computed by multiplying the Occupied Area of the Facility by the applicable Overhead License Rental Rate.

2. The Occupied Area of an Overhead Facility shall be determined in the reasonable discretion of the Awarding Authority.

3. The Overhead License Rental Rate shall be determined annually by the Awarding Authority within sixty days of the commencement of each fiscal year utilizing assessment data for the fiscal year just ended. The Rate for the fiscal year in which an Application is filed (or the year of the Effective Date in the case of Grandfathered Facilities) shall be the applicable Rate for the entire Permit Term.

4. An annual Overhead License Rate shall be calculated by:

(a) determining the assessed value of all taxable land in the Town for the previous

fiscal year, and

(b) dividing the amount obtained in (a) by the total number of acres of land in Town subject to tax in that fiscal year and by expressing this quotient on a dollar per square foot basis (this represents a reasonable method to derive the value of the Town's investment in its Rights-of-Way) and

(c) determining in the reasonable judgment of the Awarding Authority the Town's cost of long-term capital and a reasonable capital amortization term. The combination of these two items shall be expressed as an amortization constant. (This constant represents the Town's reasonable judgment of the term over which the Town should recover its investment in its Rights-of-Way and a reasonable return on such investment) and

(d) multiplying the quotient obtained in (b) above by the constant determined in (c) and by expressing this product in dollars per square foot.

B. Underground License Rental Payment

1. The Underground License Rental Payment for each Underground facility shall be computed by multiplying the Occupied Volume of the Facility by the applicable Underground License Rental Rate.

2. The Occupied Volume of an Underground Facility shall be determined in the reasonable discretion of the Awarding Authority.

3. The Underground License Rental Rate shall be determined annually by the Awarding Authority within sixty days of the commencement of each fiscal year utilizing assessment data for the fiscal year just ended. The Rate for the fiscal year in which an Application is filed (or the year of the Effective Date in the case of Grandfathered Facilities) shall be the applicable Rate for the entire Permit Term.

4. An annual Underground License Rate shall be calculated by dividing the product obtained from the calculation described in Paragraph A (4) (d) above by the useable depth of the Rights-of-Way in the Town of Easton as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority and expressing the quotient so obtained in dollars per cubic foot.

C. Exemption from Rental Payments

Applicants utilizing Facilities (which includes use by Co-Locators) on the terms described below shall be exempt from the payment of Underground or Overhead License Rental Payments during the periods described as follows:

1. Applicants which are municipal departments to the extent that such Facilities are used only for municipal purposes are exempt from the payment of Rental Payments hereunder.

2. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities shall be exempt from the payment of Rental Payments to the extent of the type and extent of the uses being made of such Grandfathered Facilities as of the Effective Date and during the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the expiration or earlier termination of the Permit Term.

3. Applicants with Grandfathered Facilities which after the Effective Date propose to make uses of them, or allow Co-Locators to make uses of them which are not Public Utility Uses, shall have the exemption described in sub-paragraph (2) above reduced pro- tanto as reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority and shall forthwith begin paying a pro-tanto portion of the annual Rental Payment for the use of the Facility no longer subject to exemption. The Rental Payment shall be calculated as described above and the calculation shall utilize the fiscal year in which the Application for non-exempt use is made. The pro-tanto non-exempt portion of the annual Rental Payment shall be reasonably determined by the Awarding Authority by comparing the portion of the Occupied Area or Occupied Volume subject to non-exempt use to the total Occupied Area or Occupied Volume of the

Facility. Evidence of well-established uniform practices evidenced by written policies or procedures of Applicants in establishing Pole Attachment fees or other similar charges to Co-Locators or in allocating costs among affiliates shall be considered as prima facie evidence in determining reasonable allocation by the Awarding Authority.

4. Applicants with New and Existing Facilities which after the Effective Date propose to make Public Utility Use or allow Co-Locators to make Public Utility Use of a Facility shall be pro- tanto exempt during the Permit Term from the payment of the appropriate annual Rental Payment otherwise payable with respect to such Facility to the extent of its Public Utility Use determined as set out in sub-paragraph (3) above.

5. The routine replacement of a portion of a Facility or a minor adjustment of the location of part of a Facility (such as the replacement or relocation of a Pole or replacement of wires or cables) in situations where the use and capacity remain unchanged in some circumstances may require an Applicant or Co-Locator to file an Application for a Right-of-Way Permit but in such situations the exempt status of the Facility shall not be affected.

6. All exemptions except those for municipal departments shall end upon the end of the initial Permit Term, but in no event later than thirty years from the Effective Date unless then applicable law shall require a continuation of the exemption.

IX. APPEALS

A person or entity aggrieved by a decision of the Awarding Authority under this By-Law may appeal such decision to the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction or, to the extent applicable law provides, to the DTE or the FCC.

X. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, section, or other part of this By-Law shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this By-Law shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF EASTON RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made as of this _____day of _____, 2000 ("Agreement") between the Town of _____acting by and through its Board of Selectmen (herein the "Town") and _____(herein the "Licensee").

The following sets forth the background of this Agreement:

A. The Town has adopted a uniform and comprehensive program to control non-vehicular use of its Rights-of-Way which is set out in the Right-of-Way By-Law of the Town effective as of _____, 2000 as from time to time amended (the "By-Law").

B. The By-Law requires that all who seek to use the Town's Rights-of-Way must first obtain a Right-of-Way Permit. To obtain such a permit a person must, among other things, submit a completed Application and, if such use involves ownership of a Facility, enter into a License Agreement with the Town. (Note: A Co-Locator using a Facility must file an Application and obtain a Permit, but does <u>not</u> enter into a License Agreement with the Town).

C. Licensee seeks a Right-of-Way Permit for the use(s) of the Facility(ies) described in the Application and enters into this Agreement to confirm its compliance with the By-Law, to set out further details of its use and to acknowledge the amount, if any, of annual License Rental Payment due to the Town.

D. Capitalized terms used but not specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the By-Law.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I. GRANT OF LICENSE

Town hereby grants to Licensee a non-exclusive right to locate a Facility in, on, under, along, across or above a portion of the Town's Rights-of-Way described in detail in the Application and Permit for the uses also set out in detail in the Application and Permit upon all of the terms and conditions contained herein and in the Permit and the By-Law. No other use of the Facility and no Attachment to the Facility is permitted under this Agreement until Application for such additional use or Attachment is made by owner or Co-Locator, as applicable, and a Permit granted by the Town.

II. TERM

The term of the License shall commence as of the date first above written and shall expire on _____unless sooner terminated as provided herein or in the By-Law.

III. COVENANTS OF LICENSEE:

1. The Licensee shall comply fully with the By-Law, all other by-laws of the Town and all other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. Licensee shall comply with all conditions contained in the Right-of-Way Permit.

2. If the Permit contemplates construction of a New Facility or modification of an existing Facility, Licensee shall cause the construction or modification to begin within six months of the date of the Permit and shall thereafter prosecute the work diligently to completion unless a different schedule is clearly set forth in the Permit. All work performed pursuant to this Agreement or the Right-of-Way Permit shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner, utilizing best industry practices, and shall proceed in an uninterrupted and consistent pace to completion in a manner designed to mitigate effects on the rest of the Right-of-Way and on adjacent property.

3. Licensee shall not allow any use to be made of the Facility except such as is set forth in the Application and approved in the Permit or, except as provided in a subsequent Permit applied for and granted by the Town either to Applicant or to a Co-Locator in a subsequent proceeding conducted in accordance with the By-Law.

4. Licensee shall pay to the Town an annual License Rental Payment of _____.
The rental payment shall be due and payable in advance without notice or demand on or before July 1, 2001 and on each succeeding anniversary thereof occurring during the Permit Term by check made payable to the Town of Easton and delivered to the Office of the Treasurer with simultaneous notice of payment delivered to the office of the Awarding Authority. Payment for the initial year of the Permit Term shall be made prior to issuance of the Permit and the fee for any partial year at termination or expiration shall be appropriately prorated.

5. Licensee agrees that if hereafter a Permit for a new use by an Applicant or a Co-Locator which is not exempt from rental payment is granted by the Town, Licensee (and not Co-Locator) shall be responsible for and shall pay to Town in the manner set forth in (4) above any incremental License Rental Payment due with respect to such additional use of a Facility. Licensee agrees that as part of any such subsequent Application for a new use or co-location, it shall execute and deliver to the Town a suitable writing confirming and acknowledging the amount of incremental obligation to pay License Rental to the Town Licensee assumes in connection with such new use. (Note: The By-Law provides that the Town will grant licenses only to owners of Facilities. Co-Locators must obtain Rights-of-Way Permits from the Town and their uses may subject the owner of the Facility to a higher License Rental Payment.)

6. If any Facility covered by this Agreement contains Excess Capacity, Licensee will make such capacity available on commercially practical and non-discriminatory terms and conditions to any person or entity seeking to use such facility and to obtain a Right-of-Way Permit from the Town.

7. Licensee shall keep full and complete as-built plans for all Facilities and shall require Co-Locators to keep the same with respect to any Attachments. Licensee shall keep full and complete books and records relating to the Facility and its usage. Licensee shall make or cause to be made available to Town promptly upon its request any or all of the foregoing from time to time during regular business hours at a location within the Town.

8. During the Permit Term, Licensee shall and shall cause each Co-Locator to maintain the Facility and all Attachments in a good and safe condition complying with all applicable safety codes and best safety practices. Licensee, in furtherance thereof shall, and shall cause each Co-Locator to adopt and maintain a systematic program of inspections and record-keeping designed to identify and predict the necessity for maintenance and repair work on the Facility or Attachment during the Permit Term. Licensee shall and shall cause Co-Locators to perform in a timely manner any and all maintenance, repair or replacement work the need for which is discovered, predicated or otherwise comes to the attention of Licensee or Co-Locator.

9. Upon notice from the Town of its determination that public necessity requires the relocation of a Facility, Licensee shall, and shall use best efforts to cause each Co-Locator, to relocate the Facility and any Attachments to such new location as is approved by Awarding Authority. Applicant shall relocate such Facility and use best efforts to cause each Co-Locator to relocate any Attachments within ninety days of receipt of the Awarding Authority notice to relocate. Upon relocation, Applicant shall promptly supply Awarding Authority with "as built" plans of the relocated Facility and shall remove the now-abandoned Facility from the Right-of-Way within ninety days of the relocation of the Facility. (If appropriate this Agreement shall be suitably amended to take cognizance of the relocation.)

10. Licensee shall and shall use reasonable efforts to cause each Co-Locator to comply fully with this Agreement and with applicable provisions of the By-Law.

11. Licensee shall acquire and continuously maintain while it possesses a Right-of-Way Permit liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment used to construct, operate, maintain and repair the Facilities located within the Right-of-Way. Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Town of cancellation or material change. The Town shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate on Insurance. This insurance must be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverages and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance- including operation, independent contractors, complete operations, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury:

General Aggregate:	$ 2,000,000.00
Products and complete Operations:	
Aggregate	$ 2,000,000.00
Each occurrence	$ 1,000,000.00
Combined single limit	$ 1,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance (covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles)

Bodily Injury Liability	$ 500,000.00 each person
	$ 1,000,000.00 each accident
Property Damage Liability	$ 250,000.00 each accident
Combined Single Limit	$ 1,000,000.00

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Each Accident	$ 100,000.00
Disease- Policy Limit	$ 500,000.00

Disease- Each Employee $ 100,000.00

IV. ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE

Licensee may not assign this Agreement or any rights therein whether voluntarily or by operation of law to any other person or entity without in each instance having sought and obtained the prior written consent of Town. As part of obtaining that consent, assignee shall file an Application for a Right-of-Way Permit and may be required to enter into a novation of this Agreement. The Attachment by a Permit Holder to a Facility accomplished in accordance with the By-Law shall not constitute an assignment in contravention of this provision of the lease.

V. INDEMNITY

License shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Town, Awarding Authority and all of its officers, employees and agents of and from any and all claims, demands, suits, proceedings, investigations, loss, damage and the like which any person seeks to assert as arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, the Right-of-Way Permit, any Facility, Permit Holder or Co-Locator's use of the Right-of-Way or any action or omission to act on the part of Permit Holder or Town allegedly arising out of or in any way relating to any of the foregoing.

VI. DEFAULT

If during the Term hereof, Licensee shall fail to pay when due any License Rental, shall fail to perform fully any covenant of the license, or otherwise fail to comply with any provision of this Agreement, the Right-of-Way Permit, or the By-Law, following ten days prior written notice to Licensee from Town, then Licensee shall be in Default hereunder and in addition to all other remedies available to Town at law or in equity, Town, unless precluded by applicable law relating to Grants of Location, may terminate this Agreement and Licensee's rights hereunder. Licensee shall not be in default hereunder if, with respect to curable non-monetary defaults which cannot be cured within ten days, during such ten day period following the giving of notice, Licensee shall have commenced to cure such default and thereafter shall diligently prosecute such cure to completion.

VII. TERMINATION

The non-exclusive license granted herein unless sooner terminated as provided elsewhere herein shall expire on the date provided in Paragraph II above.

VIII. REMOVAL OF FACILITIES

Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement (unless Applicant shall have made Application for continued use of a Facility), Licensee upon receipt of written direction from Town, shall promptly remove all Facilities covered by this Agreement and repair and restore the Right-of-Way to its condition immediately prior to the installation of the Facility (or to equivalent comparable contemporary condition) as reasonably determined by the Town.

IX. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement and performance hereunder shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

X. LIMITED GRANT

The license granted by this Agreement is limited by its terms and does not excuse the Licensee from seeking all other necessary municipal permits or otherwise complying fully with all other regulatory requirements of the Town, including without limitation implied, all zoning, building or other land use regulations which might be applicable to any Facility or other activity to be undertaken by Licensee or any Co-Locator.

XI. CONFLICTS, PARTIAL INVALIDTY

If any provision of this Agreement shall be found to be in conflict with any provision of the By-Law in effect on the date of this Agreement, the provision of the By-Law shall control and this Agreement shall be deemed amended to conform to the By-Law. If any term or condition of this License shall be held unenforceable, the remaining terms and conditions shall remain binding upon the parties without reference to the invalid provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this _____day of_____2000.

TOWN;
By

_____
Selectman

_____
Selectman

_____
Selectman

_____
Selectman

_____
Selectman

LICENSEE;
By

_____
Authorized Agent

_____
Date

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND CHAPTER 202 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IV THERETO, SAID SECTION TO BE ENTITLED "USE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY" AND TO READ AS WRITTEN IN THE WARRANT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of $12,500 as the Town's matching funds as required by the U.S. Economic Development Agency's Technical Assistance grant program, said grant being in the amount of $25,000 and for the purpose of conducting a Feasibility Study of the Coweeset Brook Business Area, a joint effort with the City of Brockton which is also providing matching funds in the amount of $12,500, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS, THE SUM OF $12,500 AS THE TOWN'S MATCHING FUNDS AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, SAID GRANT BEING IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE COWEESET BROOK BUSINESS AREA, A JOINT EFFORT WITH THE CITY OF BROCKTON WHICH IS ALSO PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,500. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the costs of preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $50,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF PREPARING, ISSUING AND MARKETING BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to conduct Wage and Classification Studies for the Department of Public Works and Clerical union positions, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $16,000 TO CONDUCT WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION STUDIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CLERICAL UNION POSITIONS.*

After clarification of what a Classification Study is, a second vote was taken and Article 12 was approved.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 59 of the Code of the Town of Easton (Personnel), specifically Section 59-37C, by adding the following at the end thereof:

> It is understood that the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief routinely work all holidays, and therefore will receive one day's pay in addition to their regular pay for all holidays in section 10-3 above.

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND CHAPTER 59 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON (PERSONNEL), SPECIFICALLY SECTION 59-37C, BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING AT THE END THEREOF:

> *IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FIRE CHIEF, POLICE CHIEF ANsD DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF ROUTINELY WORK ALL HOLIDAYS, AND THEREFORE WILL RECEIVE ONE DAY'S PAY IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR PAY FOR ALL HOLIDAYS IN SECTION 10-3 ABOVE.*

A motion to amend Article 13 to include a provision that the benefit will not accrue to the Chiefs' and Deputy Chiefs' successors was NOT A VOTE.

THE MAIN MOTION WAS A ***UNANIMOUS VOTE****.*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 14, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease from the Board of Directors of the Ames Free Library of Easton, Inc. a parcel of property approximately 14,735 square feet in area, being that portion of the property upon which an expansion of the public library will be located plus sufficient area to allow access to said expansion, said parcel being a portion of property described in deed recorded at Bristol Registry of Deeds at Book 1045, Page 170, Book 906, Page 120 and Book 369, Page 266, and further that said conveyance shall be by renewable ninety-nine (99) year lease, and further that the consideration for said lease is the Town's contribution to the expansion and renovation of the Ames Free Library/Easton's Public Library, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Library Directors)

VOTED PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 14, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO LEASE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY OF EASTON, INC. A PARCEL OF PROPERTY APPROXIMATELY 17,495 SQUARE FEET IN AREA, BEING THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY UPON WHICH AN EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WILL BE LOCATED PLUS SUFFICIENT AREA TO ALLOW ACCESS TO SAID EXPANSION, SAID PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED AT BRISTOL REGISTRY OF DEEDS AT BOOK 1045, PAGE 170, BOOK 906, PAGE 120 AND BOOK 369, PAGE 266, AND FURTHER THAT SAID CONVEYANCE SHALL BE BY RENEWABLE NINETY-NINE (99) YEAR LEASE, AND FURTHER THAT THE CONSIDERATION FOR SAID LEASE IS THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY/EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 40, section 3, to transfer to the Ames Free Library of Easton, Inc. a parcel of property approximately 4,645 square feet in area, being that portion of the property upon which an expansion of the public library will be located plus sufficient area to meet the zoning setback requirements, said parcel being a portion of property described in deed recorded at Bristol Registry of Deeds at Book 6905 Page 283; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 40, section 14 to accept a Condominium Unit Deed in the name of the Town for the entire expansion building of the library; said transfer to the Ames Free Library of Easton, Inc. to be done in exchange for, and in full consideration of the Condominium Unit Deed for the entire expansion building, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Library Directors

IT WAS MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 15. LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS VICE PRESIDENT GERARD S. MARSAN REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION TO DISMISS BE WITHDRAWN. DISCUSSION ENSUED. TOWN COUNSEL GARY BRACKETT RULED THERE WOULD BE NO CONFLICT WITH BOTH ARTICLES IN PLACE. THE MOTION TO DISMISS ARTICLE 15 WAS NOT A VOTE.

THE MAIN MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 15 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT WAS A ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for the design, engineering, materials, construction and other costs associated with the installation of the so-called Library access road and associated work, said access road to be constructed from Lincoln Street to the Ames Free Library/ Easton's Public Library, in accordance with plans prepared by Schwartz/Silver Architects, Inc. and/or Judith Nitsch Engineering, Inc., said construction subject to the issuance of all necessary state and local permits, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF $300,000 AND TO TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF $100,000 TO PAY FOR THE DESIGN, ENGINEERING, MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE SO-CALLED LIBRARY ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED WORK, SAID ACCESS ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED FROM LINCOLN STREET TO THE AMES FREE LIBRARY/ EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS PREPARED BY SCHWARTZ/SILVER ARCHITECTS, INC. AND/OR JUDITH NITSCH ENGINEERING, INC., SAID CONSTRUCTION SUBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF ALL NECESSARY STATE AND LOCAL PERMITS. ***YES 389. NO 83. ARTICLE CARRIES.***

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of the Town, to enter into a Mutual Cooperation Agreement with the City of Taunton, pursuant to MGL chapter 40, section 4, the purpose of such agreement being to obtain funding as a participating jurisdiction under the Home Investment in Affordable Housing Program (HOME Program), or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED *TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TAUNTON, PURSUANT TO MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTION 4, THE PURPOSE OF SUCH AGREEMENT BEING TO OBTAIN FUNDING AS A PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM (HOME PROGRAM).*

A motion to RECONSIDER ARTICLE 16 was defeated.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to solicit bids for and trade the 1995 Mack roll-off container truck and associated roll-off bodies for a new six wheel dump truck for the Highway Division, and that any additional value in the roll-off truck and associated roll-off bodies be returned to the Town in cash, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR AND TRADE THE 1995 MACK ROLL-OFF CONTAINER TRUCK AND ASSOCIATED ROLL-OFF BODIES FOR A NEW SIX WHEEL DUMP TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DIVISION, AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL VALUE IN THE ROLL-OFF TRUCK AND ASSOCIATED ROLL-OFF BODIES BE RETURNED TO THE TOWN.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to solicit bids for and trade the Caterpillar D-6 bulldozer for a track backhoe for the Highway Division, and that any additional value in the bulldozer be returned to the Town in cash, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR AND TRADE THE CATERPILLAR D-6 BULLDOZER FOR A TRACK BACKHOE FOR THE HIGHWAY DIVISION, AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL VALUE IN THE BULLDOZER BE RETURNED TO THE TOWN.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of, the Town, to acquire by gift for municipal purposes, a parcel of land purported to be owned by Robert L. Taylor Jr. and Katherine M. Taylor, consisting of 9,497 square feet, more or less, shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Map no. 16U as Lot 15A, located at 37 Lincoln Street, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF, THE TOWN, TO ACQUIRE BY GIFT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, A PARCEL OF LAND PURPORTED TO BE OWNED BY ROBERT L. TAYLOR JR. AND KATHERINE M. TAYLOR, CONSISTING OF 9,497 SQUARE

FEET, MORE OR LESS, SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF EASTON ASSESSOR'S MAP NO. 16U AS LOT 15A, LOCATED AT 37 LINCOLN STREET. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 3, for and on behalf of the Town, to dispose of land owned by the Town of Easton at its fair market value, said land being shown on the Town of Easton Assessor's Map no. U4 as Lot 60, said land being located on Miller Road and having an area of 4,500 square feet, more or less, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED.***

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town wishes to withdraw from the Bristol County Mosquito Control Program, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file the following special legislation with the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS EXPENDED IN PAST YEARS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws or of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, the Town of Easton Veterans' Services Department is hereby authorized to receive reimbursement in the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Twelve ($115,612.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services for veterans' benefits expended by the town during fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. The reimbursement amount equals seventy-five (75%) percent of the veterans' benefits expended during said fiscal years which totaled One Hundred Fifty-four Thousand One Hundred Forty-nine and 03/100 ($154,149.03) Dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

0r take any action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FILE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LEGISLATION WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS EXPENDED IN PAST YEARS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED, AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF MASS. GEN. LAWS OR OF THE CODE OF MASSACHUSETTS REGULATIONS, THE TOWN OF EASTON VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWELVE ($115,612.00) DOLLARS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS EXPENDED BY THE TOWN DURING FISCAL YEARS 1996, 1997, 1998 AND 1999. THE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT EQUALS SEVENTY-FIVE (75%) PERCENT OF THE VETERANS' BENEFITS EXPENDED DURING SAID FISCAL *YEARS WHICH TOTALED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 03/100 ($154,149.03) DOLLARS.*

SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, VALLEY TERRACE, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 6+98.75 as shown on a plan entitled "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Valley Terrace, Easton, Massachusetts," surveyed for Duggan Builders, Inc., surveyed by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated January 19, 2000, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, VALLEY TERRACE, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 6+98.75 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "AS-BUILT AND ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF VALLEY TERRACE, EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS," SURVEYED FOR DUGGAN BUILDERS, INC., SURVEYED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, INC., DATED JANUARY 19, 2000, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SUMMERFIELD LANE, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 8+24.88 as shown on a plan entitled "As-Built Plan and Profile of Summerfield Lane, Easton, MA, prepared for Briarwood Construction, drafted by Frank J. Gallagher, P.E., dated 7-11-99, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, SUMMERFIELD LANE, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 8+24.88 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "AS-BUILT PLAN AND PROFILE OF SUMMERFIELD LANE, EASTON, MA, PREPARED FOR

BRIARWOOD CONSTRUCTION, DRAFTED BY FRANK J. GALLAGHER, P.E., DATED 7-11-99, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, PARTRIDGE WAY EXTENSION, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 1+50 as shown on a plan entitled "Partridge Way Ext. Easton, Massachusetts Road As-Built and Acceptance Plan," prepared for Mirrione Realty Corp., drafted by J.K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated 4-19-00, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, PARTRIDGE WAY EXTENSION, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 1+50 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "PARTRIDGE WAY EXT. EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ROAD AS-BUILT AND ACCEPTANCE PLAN," PREPARED FOR MIRRIONE REALTY CORP., DRAFTED BY J.K. HOLMGREN & ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED 4-19-00, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, AVIS CIRCLE, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 4+73.30 as shown on a plan entitled "As-Built Plan and Profile of Avis Circle, Easton, MA, prepared for Mirrione Realty, drafted by Gallagher Engineering, dated 4-19-00, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, AVIS CIRCLE, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 4+73.30 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "AS-BUILT PLAN AND PROFILE OF AVIS CIRCLE, EASTON, MA, PREPARED FOR MIRRIONE REALTY, DRAFTED BY GALLAGHER ENGINEERING, DATED 4-19-00, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, VINEYARD PLACE LANE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, VINEYARD PLACE LANE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, EMERSON DRIVE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, EMERSON DRIVE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, PEABODY DRIVE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto. The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, PEABODY DRIVE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SWEETMEADOW DRIVE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, SWEETMEADOW DRIVE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SADIE CIRCLE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, SADIE CIRCLE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, RIVER STREET, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, RIVER STREET, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER

WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, MEETINGHOUSE LANE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, MEETINGHOUSE LANE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, CARRIAGEHOUSE LANE, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, CARRIAGEHOUSE LANE, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE

SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, GILMORE ROAD, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto. The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, GILMORE ROAD, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.
THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS-BUILT ACCEPTANCE OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT" TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AN ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH WAY ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING, AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE TOWN WILL HOLD ALL BOND PROCEEDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DPW DIRECTOR DETERMINES ALL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, STONEHOUSE HILL ROAD, as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.
The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning an Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) ***DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

At 8:55 p.m. it was Voted to ***DISSOLVE*** *the Special Town Meeting. Total Voters Present – 667.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan,CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of May in the year two thousand.

Frederick W. Clark, Chairman
Patricia E. Webster, Clerk
William D. Hardin

Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. May 26, 2000

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol: **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium in said Easton on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:22 p.m. with quorum present.

The following list of non-registered people were voted admittance to the hall:
DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, School Principal Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; Nicholas & Adam Paicos, 16 Christopher Drive; Tim Arthur, 20 Christopher Drive; Alexander Richman, High School Student, 10 Olde Stable Lane re Scout project; Sam & Mildred Rich, Florida residents visiting Easton, observers; Paul Boushell & Richard LaFond, former Interns; Lauren Gallagher, 24 Elizabeth Way, observer; Pauline Phinney, 25 Coughlin Road, not voter; James Toomey and Meredith West, Attorneys representing Kevin Paicos. MEDIA: Easton Journal: Brock Parker; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Richard Murphy. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon. State Representative Geraldine Creedon, State Senator JoAnne Sprague, State Representative David Flynn.

Moderator Dailey recused himself because the articles involve former Town Administrator Kevin Paicos whom he has represented, and he may like to address the body later in the evening. He appointed John Creedon as Deputy Moderator for this meeting.

Deputy Moderator Creedon recognized Selectman William Hardin who presented the following citizens proclamation, speaking as a private citizen, not as a member of the Board of Selectman: "Mr. Moderator, Ladies and Gentlemen, in keeping with that tradition, for bringing honor and recognition to the Town of Easton by earning the Eugene H. Rooney Jr. Public Service Award for 2000; I move a rising vote of appreciation to former Town Administrator Kevin E. Paicos." There was a standing ovation.

There was a motion to take Article 3 out of order. There were several points of order and discussion involving legal issues relating to certain of the articles in the warrant, the negotiations between the parties to the Severance Agreement and the function of Town Counsel at Town Meeting. Town Counsel Gary Brackett provided an opinion as to why Articles 1 and 2 were improper and why Article 3 should be taken

out of order. After further lengthy discussion and many more points of order, the motion to take Article 3 out of order was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of severance benefits agreed to be paid to the former Town Administrator Kevin E. Paicos pursuant to a certain agreement between the Board of Selectmen/Town of Easton and Kevin E. Paicos dated June 30, 2000 which severance benefits were in lieu of salary alleged to be owed for Fiscal 2001, and to pay the costs of legal expenses incurred by Mr. Paicos in negotiating said severance agreement with the Easton Board of Selectmen, as well as legal expenses incurred by Mr. Paicos related to his representation in answering charges and questions raised by the Board of Selectmen and/or others at a public meeting conducted by the Board of Selectmen on May 30, 2000 or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

Motion: To appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $96,609.30 for the purpose of paying the cost of severance benefits agreed to be paid to Kevin Paicos pursuant to a certain agreement between the Bd. of Selectmen/Town of Easton and Kevin E. Paicos dated June 30, 2000 which severance benefits were in lieu of salary owed for fiscal 2001 and further to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $29,813 to pay the costs of legal expenses incurred by Mr. Paicos in negotiating said severance agreement with the Bd. of Selectmen as well as legal expenses incurred by Mr. Paicos related to his representation in answering charges and questions raised by the Bd. of Selectmen and/or others at a public meeting conducted by the Bd. of Selectmen on May 30, 2000 as well as legal expenses incurred by Mr. Paicos since May 30, 2000 to enforce the provisions of the Town Administrator's contract and provisions of the severance agreement, and further to express the intent of this Town Meeting that all monies appropriated by this vote be paid to Mr. Paicos and his legal counsel within two days of the conclusion of this meeting. ***VOTED.***

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 1 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the appropriations, except those pertaining to the School Department, voted at the June 12, 2000 adjourned Annual Town Meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, said appropriations having been voted as necessary to defray the town charges for the 2001 Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers and departmental operating budgets, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

Motion: To reduce the appropriation for the Bd. of Selectmen for the fiscal year 2001, voted at the June 12, 2000 adjourned Annual Town Meeting in the amount of $329,562 to the new amount of $238,103, it being the intent of this motion to reduce the Town Administrator's salary account to $10,000 to provide sufficient funds to pay a stipend to the Interim Town Administrator, but to eliminate funding for any new Town Administrator, and further to direct the Selectmen to terminate all efforts to recruit a permanent Town Administrator until the conclusion of the Recall Election scheduled to be conducted on October 4, 2000. ***VOTED***

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 2 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of $49,000, or some other sum, to fund a severance agreement between the Town of Easton and Kevin Paicos or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

Motion: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of $43,357.50 to fund a severance agreement between the Town of Easton and Kevin Paicos. ***NOT A VOTE.***

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 3 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A motion to direct the Board of Selectmen to give Kevin Paicos a Letter of Recommendation was ruled out of order.

At 9:33 p.m. it was VOTED to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting. Total voters present – 604.

A true record. Attest: ,CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of August in the year Two Thousand.

Frederick W. Clark, Chairman
Patricia A. Webster, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 17, 2000

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 19, 2000. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Patricia Fruzzetti, Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A & B) – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, William MacMullen, Virginia Corte, Mary Jane Wood, John Sullivan, Gathry Hall, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, E. Pamela Corbett, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Ellen Clark, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly A. Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, Bennie Moore, Nicolina Previti, E. Louise Vose, Mary Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, William Sullivan Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:								
	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	35	8	51	29	55	55	19	252
Republican Party	33	10	27	15	23	27	29	164
Libertarian Party	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
Total	68	18	79	46	79	84	48	422
The result of the Primary election was:								
			DEMOCRATIC PARTY					
US SENATOR								
Edward M. Kennedy	31	8	46	26	43	50	17	221
Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Blanks	4	0	5	3	12	4	2	30
Total	35	8	51	29	55	55	19	252
CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 1, 2B, 3)								
Barney Frank	30	-	40	24	-	-	-	94
Write-In	0	-	1	0	-	-	-	1
Blanks	5	-	10	5	-	-	-	20
Total	35	-	51	29	-	-	-	115
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
John Joseph Moakley	-	7	-	-	47	49	19	122
Write-In	-	1	-	-	0	1	0	2
Blanks	-	0	-	-	8	5	0	13
Total	-	8	-	-	55	55	19	137
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT								
Kelly A. Timilty	22	0	30	16	29	33	10	140
Terence J. O'Malley	11	7	14	11	14	15	8	80
Blanks	2	1	7	2	12	7	1	32
Total	35	8	51	29	55	55	19	252
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3, 6)								
James Timilty	-	-	-	24	-	-	13	37
Blanks	-	-	-	5	-	-	6	11
Total	-	-	-	29	-	-	19	48
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)								
Robert S. Creedon	28	5	43	-	42	47	-	165
Write-In	0	2	0	-	0	1	-	3
Blanks	7	1	8	-	13	7	-	36
Total	35	8	51	-	55	55	-	204
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)								
David L.Flynn	-	-	43	27	-	-	16	86
Blanks	-	-	8	2	-	-	3	13
Total	-	-	51	29	-	-	19	99
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2A, 4, 5)								
Geraldine Creedon	28	5	-	-	41	47	-	121
Write-In	0	2	-	-	0	1	-	3
Blanks	7	1	-	-	14	7	-	29
Total	35	8	-	-	55	55	-	153
CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL DISTRICT								
Marc J. Santos	27	6	38	25	31	41	15	183
Write-In	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Blanks	8	1	12	4	24	13	4	66
Total	35	8	51	29	55	55	19	252
REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT								
Joseph L. Amaral	27	7	40	26	30	43	16	189

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	8	1	11	3	25	11	3	62
Total	35	8	51	29	55	55	19	252
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY								
Arthur R. Machado	22	5	30	16	32	28	13	146
Christopher T. Saunders	15	7	29	19	25	40	11	146
Blanks	33	4	43	23	53	42	14	212
Total	70	16	102	58	110	110	38	504
			REPUBLICAN PARTY					
US SENATOR								
Jack E. Robinson	25	9	20	9	17	21	20	121
Write-In	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	4
Blanks	7	1	7	5	6	4	9	39
Total	33	10	27	15	23	27	29	164
CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 1, 2B, 3)								
Martin D. Travis	28	-	23	12	-	-	-	63
Blanks	5	-	4	3	-	-	-	12
Total	33	-	27	15	-	-	-	75
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
Janet E. Jeghelian	-	10	-	-	20	25	25	80
Blanks	-	0	-	-	3	2	4	9
Total	-	10	-	-	23	27	29	89
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT								
Write-In	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	32	10	26	15	23	27	29	162
Total	33	10	27	15	23	27	29	164
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3, 6)								
Jo Ann Sprague	-	-	-	14	-	-	24	38
Blanks	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	6
Total	-	-	-	15	-	-	29	44
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)								
Write-In	1	0	1	-	0	0	-	2
Blanks	32	10	26	-	23	27	-	118
Total	33	10	27	-	23	27	-	120
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)								
Blanks	-	-	27	15	-	-	29	71
Total	-	-	27	15	-	-	29	71
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2A, 4, 5)								
Write-In	1	1	-	-	0	0	-	2
Blanks	32	9	-	-	23	27	-	91
Total	33	10	-	-	23	27	-	93

CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL DISTRICT								
Write-In	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	32	9	27	15	23	27	29	162
Total	33	10	27	15	23	27	29	164
REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT								
Write-In	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Blanks	32	9	27	15	22	27	29	161
Total	33	10	27	15	23	27	29	164
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY								
Write-In	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Blanks	64	19	54	30	46	54	58	325
Total	66	20	54	30	46	54	58	328
		LIBERTARIAN PARTY						
US SENATOR								
Carla A. Howell	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 1, 2B, 3)								
David J. Euchner	0	-	0	2	-	-	-	2
Blanks	0	-	1	0	-	-	-	1
Total	0	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
Blanks	-	0	-	-	1	2	0	3
Total	-	0	-	-	1	2	0	3
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT								
Blanks	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
Total	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3, 6)								
Blanks	-	-	-	2	-	-	0	2
Total	-	-	-	2	-	-	0	2
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)								
Blanks	0	0	1	-	1	2	-	4
Total	0	0	1	-	1	2	-	4
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)								
Blanks	-	-	1	2	-	-	0	3
Total	-	-	1	2	-	-	0	3
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2A, 4, 5)								
Blanks	0	0	-	-	1	2	-	3

Total	0	0	-	-	1	2	-	3
CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL DISTRICT								
Blanks	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
Total	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT								
Blanks	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
Total	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	6
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY								
Blanks	0	0	2	4	2	4	0	12
Total	0	0	2	4	2	4	0	12

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

RECALL ELECTION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2000

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Wednesday, October 4, 2000. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Patricia Fruzzetti, Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, William MacMullen, Virginia Corte, Mary Jane Wood, John Sullivan, Gathry Hall, Eleanor Bridge, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Arlene Keach, E. Pamela Corbett, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Ella Porter, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly A. Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, Bennie Moore, Nicolina Previti, E. Louise Vose, Mary Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, William Sullivan Inspectors.

Total Votes Cast:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	1122	1260	727	1164	1099	958	6330
Election Results:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
PROPOSITION (Vote for One)							
For the Recall of Frederick W. Clark	649	721	328	662	713	589	3662
Against the Recall of Frederick W. Clark	462	527	389	484	383	361	2606
Blanks	11	12	10	18	3	8	62
Total	1122	1260	727	1164	1099	958	6330

CANDIDATES							
SELECTMAN (Unexpired Term to April 2001) (Vote for One)							
Frederick W. Clark	391	456	326	428	326	288	2215
Jeffrey L. Tufts	665	734	335	678	722	598	3732
Blanks	66	70	66	58	51	72	383
Total	1122	1260	727	1164	1099	958	6330

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2000

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 30th day of October, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2000

The Special Town Meeting was called to order in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium at 7:14 p.m. by Moderator Richard C. Dailey with quorum present. The following list of non-registered people was approved for admittance:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, School Principal; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; Vladimir Chernikov & Leonid Kryshan, Russians studying Business - staying at 307 Bay Rd. with Craig Cowles & Irene Sinteff; Jon Beekman, Steven Wright and Michael Clark, SEA Consultants; MEDIA: Easton Journal: Brock Parker; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Richard Murphy. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon, State Representative Geraldine Creedon, State Senator JoAnne Sprague, State Representative David Flynn. MICROPHONE CARRIERS: Ben Farrell.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Lillian McGranachan, 17 year employee in the Fire Department, who passed away this weekend.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Easton, specifically Chapter 44, section 44-2 thereof by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"The Annual Town Election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in April each year."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Town Clerk)

VOTED TO AMEND THE CODE OF EASTON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-2 THEREOF BY DELETING SAID SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

"THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN APRIL EACH YEAR."

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Law c. 43B, section 10 and section C7-2 of the Easton Home Rule Charter ("Charter") to amend the Charter, specifically Article 7, Section C7-10 (c) thereof by deleting said section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"Selectmen's action on receiving petition. If the petition shall be found and certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, the Town Clerk shall submit the same with the certificate to the Selectmen without delay, and the Selectmen shall forthwith give written notice of the receipt of the certificate to the officer sought to be recalled and shall, if the officer does not resign within five days thereafter, order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not less than 64 days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition be filed; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within 60 days after the date of the certificate, the Selectmen shall postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section."

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Town Clerk)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map, dated June 12, 2000 (original date March 7, 1973) by changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land now owned by Gregory R. and Janet N. Messler, from Residential to Business, and described as follows:

328 Main Street, consisting of 1.62 acres, more or less, shown on Assessor's Map U18 as Lot 16.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Gregory and Janet Messler)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP, DATED JUNE 12, 2000 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY GREGORY R. AND JANET N. MESSLER, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

328 MAIN STREET, CONSISTING OF 1.62 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP U18 AS LOT 16.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items, in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Local 2790 International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO for the period July 1, 1999

through June 30, 2000, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $69,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS, IN FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001, CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE LOCAL 2790 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items, in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Easton Police Association for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $73,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS, IN FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001, CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE EASTON POLICE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the economic items, in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, of any collective bargaining agreement negotiated and executed between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association (Dispatchers Unit) for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $22,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ECONOMIC ITEMS, IN FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001, CONTAINED IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (DISPATCHERS UNIT) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $300,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE STABILIZATION FUND. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 17 of the November 9, 1998 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated $1.8 million for the purpose of closing and capping the sanitary landfill on Prospect Street including all costs related thereto, and authorized the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow $1.8 million for such purpose, by increasing the amount of the appropriation and the authorization for such borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT $1,235,000 IS APPROPRIATED, IN ADDITION TO THE $1,800,000 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED BY THE VOTE PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 17 OF THE WARRANT FOR THE NOVEMBER 9, 1998 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND CAPPING THE SANITARY LANDFILL ON PROSPECT STREET, INCLUDING ENGINEERING COSTS, BIDDING COSTS, SURVEYING COSTS, EQUIPMENT RENTAL COSTS, CONTRACTING COSTS, MATERIAL COSTS, TESTING COSTS, PERMIT COSTS AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $1,235,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE NOVEMBER 9, 1998 VOTE IS HEREBY AMENDED TO REFLECT SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Capping account to line item 01-301-01-5130 for the purpose of reimbursing the DPW Highway Division for overtime expenses related to the capping of the landfill and, further, to transfer a sum of money from the Landfill Capping account to line item 01-300-02-5387 for the purpose of reimbursing the DPW Administration budget for additional landfill related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $11,370 FROM THE LANDFILL CAPPING ACCOUNT TO LINE ITEM 01-301-01-5130 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CAPPING OF THE LANDFILL AND, FURTHER, TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $125,000 FROM THE LANDFILL CAPPING ACCOUNT TO LINE ITEM 01-300-02-5387 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE DPW ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL LANDFILL RELATED EXPENSES. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to conduct an audit of the landfill closure and capping project, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

An amendment to include after the words ", bidding process" after "management" was VOTED. The main motion as amended was a ***UNANIMOUS VOTE*** *as follows:*

VOTED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $30,000 TO CONDUCT AN OPERATING, MANAGEMENT, BIDDING PROCESS AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND CAPPING PROJECT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, the sum of $500,000 for installing water Ultraviolet Disinfection equipment at six well site pumping stations and for related appurtenances, and for all engineering, legal and related consulting services, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by DPW Water Division)

VOTED THAT $500,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING WATER ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT AT SIX WELL SITE PUMPING STATIONS AND FOR RELATED APPURTENANCES, AND FOR ALL ENGINEERING, LEGAL AND RELATED CONSULTING SERVICES AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $500,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of $85,000 to be utilized by the Easton School Department for unanticipated special education expenses for the 2000-2001 school year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Committee)

VOTED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $85,000 TO BE UTILIZED BY THE EASTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Easton, specifically Chapter 202 thereof by adding a new Article, to be entitled ARTICLE IV Street Regulations, said Article to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV
Street Regulations
§ 202-27. Vehicle removal.

A. The Highway Superintendent may remove, or cause to be removed, any vehicle interfering with the plowing or removal of snow and ice, from any public street or public place.
B. Such vehicle may be removed to any convenient place, including a public garage, and the owner of said vehicle shall be liable for the cost of such removal and for the storage charges, if any, resulting therefrom.

§ 202-28. Hazardous conditions shall not be created.

No person shall pipe or otherwise deposit in or upon any public street or public place, any water or other substance that may freeze and thereby create a hazardous condition.

§ 202-28. Obstructions prohibited.

No person shall stand, lounge, or park any vehicle on any sidewalk, public way or other place to which the public has a right of access in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for pedestrians and or motor vehicles.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by DPW Highway Division)

***AMENDED**. VOTED TO AMEND THE CODE OF EASTON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 202 THEREOF BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE, TO BE ENTITLED ARTICLE IV STREET REGULATIONS, SAID ARTICLE TO READ AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT WITH ONE CORRECTION THAT THE SECOND SECTION 202-28 BE CORRECTED TO READ SECTION 202-29 AND AMENDED TO ADD "REASONABLE" TWICE IN SECTION 202-27 B. AS FOLLOWS:*

ARTICLE IV
STREET REGULATIONS
§ 202-27. VEHICLE REMOVAL.
A. THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT MAY REMOVE, OR CAUSE TO BE REMOVED, ANY VEHICLE INTERFERING WITH THE PLOWING OR REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE, FROM ANY PUBLIC STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE.
B. SUCH VEHICLE MAY BE REMOVED TO ANY CONVENIENT PLACE, INCLUDING A PUBLIC GARAGE, AND THE OWNER OF SAID VEHICLE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE COST OF SUCH REMOVAL AND FOR THE REASONABLE STORAGE CHARGES, IF ANY, RESULTING THEREFROM.
§ 202-28. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS SHALL NOT BE CREATED.
NO PERSON SHALL PIPE OR OTHERWISE DEPOSIT IN OR UPON ANY PUBLIC STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE, ANY WATER OR OTHER SUBSTANCE THAT MAY FREEZE AND THEREBY CREATE A HAZARDOUS CONDITION.
§ 202-29. OBSTRUCTIONS PROHIBITED.
NO PERSON SHALL STAND, LOUNGE, OR PARK ANY VEHICLE ON ANY SIDEWALK, PUBLIC WAY OR OTHER PLACE TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT OF ACCESS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO OBSTRUCT A FREE PASSAGE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND OR MOTOR VEHICLES.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding overtime payments that should have been paid to certain non-union employees, but that were not paid due to a mis-classification of their status with respect to the Fair Labor Standards Act, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $31,575.33 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID TO CERTAIN NON-UNION EMPLOYEES, BUT THAT WERE NOT PAID DUE TO A MIS-CLASSIFICATION OF THEIR STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT. ***UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 2 of the September 5, 2000 Special Town Meeting, which vote purported to reduce the appropriation for the Board of Selectmen for the fiscal year 2001 from the amount of $329,562 to the amount of $238,103, the intent of said September 5, 2000 action being to reduce the Town Administrator's salary account to the amount of $10,000, and further to restore the appropriation for the Board of Selectmen to

the amount of $329,562 as voted at the June 12, 2000 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

An amendment to see if the Town will vote to maintain the Board of Selectmen appropriation for fiscal year 2001 at $238,103 as voted at the September 5, 2000 Special Town Meeting, and to remove all monies from this 2001 Budget designated for the salary of Kevin Paicos as Town Administrator, and any other monies deemed payable in any way to Kevin Paicos was ***NOT A VOTE.***

VOTED *THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2000 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, WHICH VOTE PURPORTED TO REDUCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 FROM THE AMOUNT OF $329,562 TO THE AMOUNT OF $238,103, THE INTENT OF SAID SEPTEMBER 5, 2000 ACTION BEING TO REDUCE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY ACCOUNT TO THE AMOUNT OF $10,000, AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE FROM TAXATION THE AMOUNT OF $66,000, SAID AMOUNT TO BE RESTORED TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S BUDGET, SPECIFICALLY LINE ITEM 01-003-01-5110 THEREOF.*

At 9:35 p.m. it was VOTED to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting. Total Voters present – 459.

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of October in the year Two Thousand.

Carla A. Goodwin, Chair
William D. Hardin, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Jeffrey L. Tufts
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. 10/13/00
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, November 7, 2000. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following names persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Patricia Fruzzetti, Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct Two (A & B) – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, William MacMullen, Virginia Corte, Mary Jane Wood, John Sullivan, Joan Healey, John Papineau, Gathry Hall, Eleanor Bridge Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Evelyn Carlson; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Patricia Dooley, Arlene Keach, E. Pamela Corbett, Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Rena Salkovitz, Ella Porter, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert T. Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Bernard LaFerriere, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly A. Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, Bennie Moore, Nicolina Previti, E. Louise Vose, Mary Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Filimona Malcosky, Marilyn Williams, Jean Fisher, Estelle Blackman, William Sullivan Inspectors.

The number of ballots cast:								
	Pct 1	Pct 2A	Pct 2B	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
The result of the Primary election was:								
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT								
Browne and Olivier	13	0	13	18	8	6	4	62
Buchanan and Higgins, Sr.	6	2	5	6	8	9	7	43
Bush and Cheney	800	246	535	585	796	686	731	4379
Gore and Lieberman	1004	170	693	854	980	1094	880	5675
Hagelin and Tompkins	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3

Nader and LaDuke	111	28	80	52	82	79	68	500
W/I - McReynolds & Hollis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W/I - Others	1	1	1	2	1	4	3	13
Blanks	13	1	5	6	3	15	18	61
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
US SENATOR								
Edward M. Kennedy	1201	237	853	978	1206	1218	1056	6749
Carla A. Howell	353	100	236	273	284	281	317	1844
Jack E. Robinson, III	274	69	162	184	264	276	253	1482
Dale G. Friedgen	12	2	2	5	8	8	5	42
Philip Hyde, III	3	2	1	5	3	4	2	20
Philip F. Lawler	24	14	13	23	19	21	15	129
Write-In	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	10
Blanks	78	25	64	55	91	85	62	460
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 1, 2B, 3)								
Barney Frank	1123	-	797	943	-	-	-	2863
David J. Euchner	69	-	57	56	-	-	-	182
Martin D. Travis	652	-	383	453	-	-	-	1488
Write-In	0	-	1	0	-	-	-	1
Blanks	104	-	94	71	-	-	-	269
Total	1948	-	1332	1523	-	-	-	4803
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)								
John Joseph Moakley	-	254	-	-	1230	1219	1080	3783
Janet E. Jeghelian	-	159	-	-	476	517	467	1619
David A. Rosa	-	10	-	-	57	50	57	174
Write-In	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
Blanks	-	26	-	-	116	107	108	357
Total	-	449	-	-	1879	1893	1712	5933
COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT								
Kelly A. Timilty	1304	255	838	1031	1212	1272	1131	7043
Write-In	6	3	2	6	2	7	3	29
Blanks	638	191	492	486	665	614	578	3664
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT) (PCTS. 3, 6)								
Jo Ann Sprague	-	-	-	727	-	-	826	1553
James Timilty	-	-	-	656	-	-	684	1340
Write-In	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	1
Blanks	-	-	-	140	-	-	201	341
Total	-	-	-	1523	-	-	1712	3235
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT) (PCTS. 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 5)								
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	1404	290	927	-	1287	1292	-	5200
Write-In	4	1	2		4	6	-	17
Blanks	540	158	403	-	588	595	-	2284
Total	1948	449	1332	-	1879	1893	-	7501

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS 2B, 3, 6)								
David L.Flynn	-	-	873	1072	-	-	1147	3092
Write-In	-	-	0	4	-	-	3	7
Blanks	-	-	459	447	-	-	562	1468
Total	-	-	1332	1523	-	-	1712	4567
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT (PCTS.1, 2A, 4, 5)								
Geraldine Creedon	1365	283	-	-	1255	1274	-	4177
Write-In	4	2	-	-	2	6	-	14
Blanks	579	164	-	-	622	613	-	1978
Total	1948	449	-	-	1879	1893	-	6169
CLERK OF COURTS BRISTOL DISTRICT								
Marc J. Santos	1277	246	821	1026	1151	1219	1111	6851
Write-In	4	1	1	3	3	3	1	16
Blanks	667	202	510	494	725	671	600	3869
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
REGISTER OF DEEDS BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT								
Joseph L. Amaral	1283	244	832	1046	1177	1221	1121	6924
Write-In	3	0	1	3	3	4	2	16
Blanks	662	205	499	474	699	668	589	3796
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRISTOL COUNTY								
Arthur R. Machado	1025	196	680	866	990	1016	897	5670
Christopher T. Saunders	863	172	556	726	808	849	743	4717
Write-In	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	16
Blanks	2006	530	1428	1450	1958	1916	1781	11069
Total	3896	898	2664	3046	3758	3786	3424	21472
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (BROCKTON)								
Winnifred E. Petkunas	1187	243	793	1012	1099	1121	1055	6510
Write-In	6	0	3	5	1	3	0	18
Blanks	755	206	536	506	779	769	657	4208
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (FOXBOROUGH)								
Robert A. Girardin	1119	236	740	972	1030	1081	1004	6182
Write-In	4	0	0	1	2	2	1	10
Blanks	825	213	592	550	847	810	707	4544
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MANSFIELD)								
William F. Flannery	1103	230	746	965	1025	1091	1002	6162
Write-In	4	0	0	3	0	1	1	9
Blanks	841	219	586	555	854	801	709	4565
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (NORTON)								
Charles W. McDonald	595	122	308	606	532	616	589	3368
Cornelius J. Linehan	349	78	273	265	334	282	259	1840
Douglas F. Wolcott, Jr.	316	73	316	197	325	293	255	1775
Write-In	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	7
Blanks	687	176	434	453	688	700	608	3746
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (SHARON)								
Mindy Marcia Kempner	1098	224	735	958	985	1046	980	6026
Write-In	6	0	0	3	0	2	1	12
Blanks	844	225	597	562	894	845	731	4698
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 1 (EARLIER REDISTRICTING)								
Yes	1327	329	873	1023	1317	1287	1101	7257
No	522	96	363	418	469	486	525	2879
Blanks	99	24	96	82	93	120	86	600
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 2 (VOTING BY INCARCERATED FELONS)								
Yes	1305	326	877	1059	1302	1329	1208	7406
No	588	110	406	428	521	500	458	3011
Blanks	55	13	49	36	56	64	46	319
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 3 (DOG RACING)								
Yes	793	180	550	554	750	686	618	4131
No	1115	264	753	950	1093	1169	1057	6401
Blanks	40	5	29	19	36	38	37	204
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 4 (INCOME TAX REDUCTION)								
Yes	1209	306	805	914	1209	1222	1128	6793
No	662	130	482	564	604	610	520	3572
Blanks	77	13	45	45	66	61	64	371
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 5 (HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE)								
Yes	837	172	589	657	770	816	765	4606
No	1023	260	688	804	1013	990	866	5644
Blanks	88	17	55	62	96	87	81	486
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 6 (TAX CREDIT FOR TOLLS & MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES)								
Yes	868	222	552	646	819	840	824	4771
No	983	211	727	817	972	973	817	5500
Blanks	97	16	53	60	88	80	71	465
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736

QUESTION 7 (TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS)								
Yes	1399	362	934	1055	1364	1396	1288	7798
No	457	68	345	400	425	417	340	2452
Blanks	92	19	53	68	90	80	84	486
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736
QUESTION 8 (DRUG DEPENDENCY TREATMENT & DRUG-CRIME FINES & FORFEITURES)								
Yes	847	184	575	676	763	742	725	4512
No	1004	244	697	780	1025	1038	902	5690
Blanks	97	21	60	67	91	113	85	534
Total	1948	449	1332	1523	1879	1893	1712	10736

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